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Field Crops

Cotton planting is 70 percent complete, 9 percentage points behind of the five year average. Small grain acreage heading is virtually complete across the State. Alfalfa harvest remains active on three-quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions are mostly fair to excellent, depending on location.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers shipped carrots and potatoes. Western Arizona shipped seeded and seedless watermelons last week.

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending May 11. Temperatures ranged from 5 degrees below normal at Coolidge to 4 degrees above normal at Prescott and Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 99 degrees at Paloma, and the lowest reading of 22 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 4 of the 22 stations. Payson received the most at 0.07 inches of precipitation and Yuma received the least with 0.03 inches. None of the reporting stations have above normal precipitation for the year to date.

Range and Pasture

During the month of April, dry, windy days took their toll on grazing areas across the State. In many areas of Arizona rain is needed to replenish moisture. The State's rangeland and pasture condition varied from mostly poor to good, depending on location. Arizona cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were mostly short. Insect damage was light.

In Arizona's Northern region, rangeland and pasture condition was mostly fair to good. High elevation conditions were mostly good. Mid elevation conditions were poor to fair. Low elevation conditions were mostly fair. Cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water supplies were short to adequate, but soil moisture was short. Insect damage was light.

The Central region's rangeland and pasture condition varied from mostly poor to good. High elevation and low elevation conditions were poor. Mid elevation conditions were poor to good. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were mostly short. Insect damage was mostly light.

In the South, rangeland and pasture conditions varied from poor to excellent, depending on location. Mid elevation conditions were very poor to good. High and low elevation conditions varied from poor to excellent. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were mostly short. Insect damage was light.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
May 5 - May 11, 2008

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	68	-2	91	47	0.00	2.20	-1.74	56
Buckeye	74	-2	95	53	0.00	2.26	-0.25	90
Canyon De Chelly	58	1	83	36	0.00	2.62	-0.21	93
Coolidge	68	-5	97	44	0.00	1.49	-1.68	47
Douglas	67	2	88	44	0.00	0.31	-1.66	16
Flagstaff	48	0	73	27	0.04	6.58	-1.96	77
Grand Canyon	47	3	71	22	0.00	4.35	-4.18	51
Kingman	66	2	85	47	0.00	2.93	-0.67	81
Marana	72	-1	94	50	0.00	1.67	-2.05	45
Maricopa	74	-2	97	51	0.00	1.49	-1.33	53
Paloma	73	-3	99	51	0.00	1.06	-1.68	39
Parker	73	-3	94	51	0.00	1.11	-0.97	53
Payson	59	1	80	38	0.07	5.70	-1.91	75
Phoenix	79	3	95	64	0.00	1.97	-0.54	78
Prescott	59	4	79	40	0.04	4.29	-1.65	72
Roll	73	-4	97	53	0.00	0.65	-0.30	68
Safford	69	3	91	48	0.00	1.50	-0.68	69
St. Johns	59	2	80	34	0.00	1.23	-1.57	44
Tucson	72	2	92	51	0.00	1.81	-0.90	67
Willcox	65	3	87	43	0.00	1.05	-1.56	40
Winslow	61	1	82	38	0.00	1.50	-0.40	79
Yuma	80	4	97	63	0.03	0.48	-0.47	51

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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