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Field Crops

Small grain plantings are nearing completion this week. Durum wheat and barley emergence has occurred on at least half of the acreage. The alfalfa harvest remains active. Alfalfa conditions are mostly fair to excellent.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers were actively shipping broccoli, cabbage, greens, miscellaneous herbs, parsley, spinach, and various citrus.

Western Arizona growers continued to ship broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, frisee, greens, kale, miscellaneous Asian vegetables and herbs, parsley, spinach, and various citrus. Lettuce shipments included Boston, green and red leaf, iceberg, and romaine.

Weather Summary

Temperatures were below normal across the State for the week ending February 15, ranging from 11 degrees below normal at Grand Canyon to 4 degrees below normal at Douglas. The highest temperature of the week was 70 degrees at Douglas, and the lowest reading of -7 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 21 of the 22 stations. Payson received the most at 1.32 inches of precipitation and Yuma received the least with 0.01 inches. With this week's precipitation, there are now six stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

Range and Pasture

The State's rangeland and pastures received precipitation throughout the month of January. Temperatures varied each week of January from mostly above normal to mostly below. No two consecutive weeks were the same. With the fluctuation in temperatures throughout the month, average range and pasture conditions remained fair to good. Arizona cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies were adequate and soil moisture was mostly short to adequate. Insect damage remained mostly light.

In Arizona's Northern region, rangeland and pasture conditions were mostly fair for all elevations. Cattle and calves remained in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were mostly adequate. Insect damage remained mostly light.

In the Central region, rangeland and pasture conditions for the low and high elevation conditions were mostly fair. Mid elevation conditions were mostly fair to good. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair to good condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture remained mostly adequate. Insect damage was mostly light.

In the South, rangeland and pasture conditions remained mostly good across all elevations. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies were adequate. Soil moisture was mostly short. Insect damage was light.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
 February 9, 2009 - February 15, 2009**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	44	-9	59	28	0.30	0.65	-1.32	33
Buckeye	49	-7	64	31	0.33	0.54	-0.43	56
Canyon De Chelly	27	-10	43	9	0.16	0.36	-0.66	35
Coolidge	47	-8	62	28	0.42	1.10	-0.20	85
Douglas	45	-4	70	20	0.17	0.54	-0.49	52
Flagstaff	22	-10	37	-3	0.90	2.14	-0.95	69
Grand Canyon	18	-11	33	-7	0.69	1.87	-1.74	52
Kingman	37	-10	49	23	0.90	1.89	0.52	138
Marana	49	-7	66	32	0.30	1.42	-0.36	80
Maricopa	48	-7	63	31	0.32	0.49	-0.66	43
Paloma	49	-8	66	31	0.50	0.73	-0.35	68
Parker	49	-9	65	29	0.00	0.51	-0.71	42
Payson	33	-10	50	17	1.32	3.47	0.49	116
Phoenix	52	-6	63	41	1.06	1.41	0.44	145
Prescott	32	-7	45	15	0.83	1.35	-0.94	59
Roll	50	-6	68	31	0.05	0.58	0.08	116
Safford	42	-6	67	22	0.13	0.81	-0.21	79
St. Johns	33	-6	55	8	0.04	0.32	-0.65	33
Tucson	48	-7	66	32	0.28	1.21	0.03	103
Willcox	41	-5	66	22	0.07	0.90	-0.49	65
Winslow	34	-6	52	16	0.24	0.58	-0.13	82
Yuma	55	-6	65	42	0.01	0.59	0.09	118

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

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