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Field Crops

Durum wheat and barley emergence has occurred on at least 92 percent of the acreage slightly behind the five year average. Alfalfa harvest is active on over three-quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions are mostly good to excellent. Range and pasture conditions vary from mostly fair to good depending on location and elevation.

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, kale, miscellaneous Asian vegetables and herbs, parsley, spinach, and various citrus. Lettuce shipments included Boston, green and red leaf, iceberg, and romaine.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	1	11	19	34	35
Range and Pasture	10	5	41	37	7

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Durum Wheat				
• Emerged	92	89	84	95
Barley				
• Emerged	96	90	94	97

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending March 8, ranging from normal at Roll to 12 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 94 degrees at Roll, and the lowest reading of 12 degrees

occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at only 1 of the 22 stations. Grand Canyon received 0.01 inches of precipitation. With this week's lack of precipitation, Kingman is now the only station with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
March 2, 2009 - March 8, 2009

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	56	2	87	32	0.00	0.83	-2.10	28
Buckeye	61	2	86	37	0.00	0.60	-0.99	38
Canyon De Chelly	48	8	72	16	0.00	0.41	-1.09	27
Coolidge	61	4	91	34	0.00	1.19	-0.81	60
Douglas	62	11	86	30	0.00	0.54	-0.87	38
Flagstaff	42	9	67	16	0.00	2.29	-2.53	48
Grand Canyon	41	12	70	12	0.01	2.01	-3.27	38
Kingman	52	4	78	26	0.00	2.42	0.33	116
Marana	66	8	91	40	0.00	1.42	-1.19	54
Maricopa	62	5	88	35	0.00	0.63	-1.15	35
Paloma	61	1	92	37	0.00	0.79	-1.04	43
Parker	61	2	88	33	0.00	0.56	-1.08	34
Payson	48	5	71	26	0.00	3.75	-0.81	82
Phoenix	68	9	88	48	0.00	1.49	-0.10	94
Prescott	51	10	77	24	0.00	1.65	-1.92	46
Roll	60	0	94	33	0.00	0.58	-0.07	89
Safford	60	10	85	31	0.00	0.81	-0.68	54
St. Johns	50	9	77	13	0.00	0.35	-1.13	24
Tucson	67	11	91	42	0.00	1.21	-0.60	67
Willcox	57	9	86	29	0.00	0.90	-0.92	49
Winslow	52	9	79	23	0.00	0.59	-0.54	52
Yuma	68	6	91	49	0.00	0.59	-0.06	91

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

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