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Field Crops

Cotton planting is 25 percent complete, ahead of the 5-year average of 21 percent. Alfalfa conditions are mostly fair to excellent, depending on location. Harvesting is occurring on three-quarters of the growing areas across the State. A third of the State's durum wheat crop has headed.

Range and Pasture

Rangeland conditions decreased from the previous week but continue to vary from very poor to good, depending on location. Dry conditions remain for most of the State.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, kale greens, cilantro, parsley and citrus.

Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, frisee, kale greens, Boston, green leaf, iceberg, red leaf, romaine, and other lettuces. Also shipped this week were anise, arugula, bok choy, parsley, spinach and citrus.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	-	2	27	54	17
Range and Pasture	40	21	26	12	1

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Planted	25	20	19	21

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal for the week ending April 8, ranging from 5 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon to 5 degrees below normal at Parker. The highest temperature of the week was 92 degrees at

Coolidge. The lowest reading was 10 degrees at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was not recorded in any of the 21 weather stations for the week. All weather stations have below normal precipitation to date in 2012.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data

April 2, 2012 - April 8, 2012

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	60	-1	87	40	0.00	0.71	-2.92	20
Buckeye	63	-1	89	41	0.00	0.84	-1.52	36
Canyon De Chelly	50	2	78	23	0.00	0.77	-1.48	34
Coolidge	63	-2	92	38	0.00	1.40	-1.44	49
Douglas	59	2	83	30	0.00	0.37	-1.36	21
Flagstaff	41	2	62	20	0.00	3.22	-4.02	44
Grand Canyon	39	5	66	10	0.00	2.72	-4.76	36
Kingman	53	-2	78	31	0.00	1.81	-1.33	58
Maricopa	64	-2	90	40	0.00	0.25	-2.26	10
Paloma	63	-3	90	37	0.00	0.51	-1.97	21
Parker	63	-5	89	36	0.00	0.28	-1.70	14
Payson	52	2	76	26	0.00	1.41	-5.31	21
Phoenix	70	3	90	54	0.00	0.25	-2.11	11
Prescott	50	4	74	30	0.00	1.83	-3.39	35
Roll	63	-2	89	37	0.00	0.14	-0.72	16
Safford	60	2	86	32	0.00	1.07	-0.87	55
St. Johns	51	3	78	25	0.00	0.36	-1.95	16
Tucson	65	2	89	43	0.00	0.56	-1.82	24
Willcox	56	2	85	29	0.00	0.84	-1.48	36
Winslow	52	2	78	24	0.00	0.47	-1.14	29
Yuma	70	1	88	51	0.00	0.04	-0.82	5

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

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