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Field Crops

Arizona’s alfalfa conditions remained in fair to excellent condition, depending on location. Harvesting occurred on over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Sheep grazing on alfalfa fields is winding down. The State’s durum wheat condition is mostly good to excellent and this year’s barley condition is mostly fair to good.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cilantro, kale, and parsley last week.

Western Arizona growers shipped anise, arrugula, bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, Chinese Cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, parsley, spinach and various lettuces including Boston, iceberg, red leaf, green leaf, and romaine.

Range and Pasture

Winter storms around the State have produced significant amount of moisture, which will help the forage growth as temperatures rise. Pasture areas are in mostly poor to good condition, depending on location.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	5	24	45	26
Range and Pasture	5	27	37	30	1

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending March 10, 2013, ranging from 3 degrees below normal at Aguila, Coolidge, and Roll to 9 degrees above normal at the Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 87 degrees at Tucson. The lowest reading was 14 degrees at the

Grand Canyon. Twenty-one of the 22 weather stations recorded precipitation last week. Tucson received the least precipitation at 0.01 inches and Payson received the most at 1.74 inches. Only seven weather stations have received above normal precipitation to date this year.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
March 4, 2013 - March 10, 2013								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	53	-3	74	35	0.03	1.73	-1.26	58
Buckeye	58	-2	81	38	0.55	1.98	0.33	120
Bullhead City	61	-2	80	46	0.38	0.77	-1.54	33
Canyon De Chelly	42	0	65	19	0.21	1.20	-0.36	77
Coolidge	56	-3	81	35	0.84	2.65	0.59	129
Douglas	57	6	82	34	0.02	1.07	-0.37	74
Flagstaff	36	3	55	19	1.37	4.87	-0.13	97
Grand Canyon	38	9	59	14	0.32	0.60	-4.86	11
Kingman	52	3	69	34	0.14	1.13	-1.04	52
Maricopa	58	-1	81	37	0.57	1.96	0.12	107
Paloma	59	-2	82	40	0.39	1.36	-0.53	72
Parker	59	-2	81	36	0.00	0.71	-0.97	42
Payson	45	1	65	27	1.74	6.52	1.80	138
Phoenix	64	5	82	46	0.85	2.55	0.90	155
Prescott	46	6	65	30	0.24	2.39	-1.31	65
Roll	58	-3	82	38	0.04	0.42	-0.25	63
Safford	55	4	81	26	0.08	0.54	-0.99	35
St. Johns	46	4	69	26	0.33	0.92	-0.62	60
Tucson	64	7	87	46	0.01	1.62	-0.25	87
Willcox	52	4	79	28	0.06	0.79	-1.07	42
Winslow	47	4	71	25	0.34	1.49	0.32	127
Yuma	65	2	80	47	0.08	1.11	0.44	166
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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