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Field Crops Report

As of March 21, **alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 56 percent not being harvested, 1 percent light, 21 percent moderate and 22 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 3 percent poor, 16 percent fair, 45 percent good and 36 percent excellent. Sheep continue to graze on alfalfa fields for winter pasture.

Small Grains emergence is complete, while heading is just getting underway. There was 8 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 7 percent of **Winter Wheat**, 23 percent of **Barley** and 50 percent of **Other Small Grains** reported as headed.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 39 percent very poor, 18 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 22 percent good and 3 percent excellent. **Livestock** were reported to be in fair to good condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short to adequate. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as none to light.

Herbs, Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

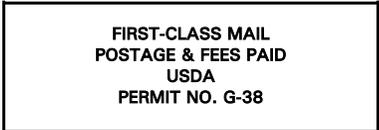
Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, chinese cabbage, head lettuce, mixed greens, parsley, romaine lettuce and spinach. Western Arizona producers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, head lettuce, leaf lettuce, mixed greens, parsley, romaine lettuce, spinach and spring mix last week.

Citrus producers harvested grapefruit, lemons, minneolas, navels, fairchilds and tangerines in central and western Arizona last week.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for most of the State were above normal for the week ending March 20. Temperatures ranged from 13 degrees above normal at Yuma, to 6 degrees above normal at Canyon De Chelly. The highest temperature of the week was 99 degrees at Yuma, while the lowest reading was 23 degrees at Flagstaff. There was no precipitation reported at any of the 17 reporting stations.

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Weather Information Table (temperatures, precipitation, and/or growing degree days)

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK MARCH 14 TO MARCH 20, 2004**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	45	6	81	29	0.00	1.22	1.86
Casa Grande	61	9	95	49	0.00	2.50	2.26
Coolidge	60	11	95	48	0.00	3.09	2.66
Douglas	54	8	86	41	0.00	2.44	1.74
Flagstaff	37	9	72	23	0.00	2.57	6.44
Gila Bend	64	11	97	52	0.00	1.75	1.99
Grand Canyon	38	11	74	26	0.00	3.32	4.58
Kingman	51	12	89	42	0.00	1.06	3.28
Parker	64	11	95	54	0.00	0.85	2.00
Payson	46	10	82	34	0.00	3.14	6.47
Phoenix	65	11	95	59	0.00	3.12	2.37
Prescott Airport	45	12	82	36	0.00	1.87	3.30
Safford Ag Center	55	8	91	40	0.00	3.07	1.97
Tucson	60	9	91	51	0.00	2.11	2.46
Willcox	52	9	84	39	0.00	2.89	2.52
Winslow	46	8	84	28	0.00	0.60	1.39
Yuma	66	13	99	60	0.00	0.92	0.86

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

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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