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Field Crops

For the week ending February 20, emergence has occurred on 95 percent of the durum wheat and barley acreage.

Alfalfa harvest was active on slightly more than a quarter of the State's acreage. Alfalfa sheeping off remained active. Range and pasture conditions have improved with the abundance of precipitation received in the past few months.

Vegetables, Fruit and Other Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, Chinese cabbage, greens, green onions, head lettuce, herbs, mixed greens, parsley, romaine lettuce, leaf lettuce, spinach. Western Arizona producers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, greens, green onions, herbs, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, parsley and spinach last week. Lettuce shipments included Boston, iceberg, leaf and romaine lettuces.

Producers in central and western Arizona shipped grapefruit, lemons, navel oranges and tangerines last week.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	0	4	20	46	30
Range and Pasture	8	8	20	43	21

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
	-Percent-			
Durum Wheat				
- Emerged	95	85	100	93
Barley				
- Emerged	95	90	100	94

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were above normal for the week ending February 19. Temperatures ranged from normal at Phoenix and Yuma to 8 degrees above normal at Winslow. The highest temperature of the week was 73 degrees at Tucson and Yuma while the lowest reading was Grand Canyon at 29 degrees. Precipitation was reported at all of the 17

reporting stations. Douglas received the lowest amount of precipitation at 0.03 inches and Payson received the highest amount of precipitation at 2.14 inches. All reporting stations are above normal precipitation for this time of year.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data
 February 13 - February 19, 2005**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	38	7	58	33	0.86	4.44	1.27
Casa Grande	56	3	72	45	0.49	4.06	1.33
Coolidge	55	3	72	47	0.96	4.21	1.50
Douglas	50	5	70	36	0.03	4.50	1.21
Flagstaff	32	7	50	31	1.26	10.28	3.90
Gila Bend	59	1	72	46	1.00	3.09	1.17
Grand Canyon	34	6	51	29	1.49	7.39	2.64
Kingman	47	2	61	36	0.85	5.81	1.93
Parker	59	1	72	49	0.29	3.67	1.30
Payson	43	4	60	34	2.14	10.54	3.86
Phoenix	60	0	72	51	1.48	4.61	1.33
Prescott Airport	41	5	59	33	1.12	5.92	1.98
Safford Ag Center	49	5	69	37	0.50	3.70	1.25
Tucson	56	3	73	45	0.39	2.60	1.60
Willcox	48	5	64	42	0.10	3.20	1.77
Winslow	40	8	62	30	0.31	2.68	0.81
Yuma	62	0	73	50	0.16	1.56	0.57

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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