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Field Crops

For the week ending April 3, durum wheat has headed on 37 percent of the acreage, while barley has headed on 59 percent of the acreage. Cotton has been planted on 14 percent of the acreage.

Alfalfa harvest was active on over three quarters of the State's acreage. Range and pasture conditions remain mostly good.

Vegetables, Fruit and Other Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, greens, green onions, herbs, parsley and spinach. Lettuce shipments included iceberg and romaine.

Western Arizona producers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, endive, escarole, greens, green onions, herbs, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, parsley and spinach. Lettuce shipments included iceberg and romaine.

Producers in central and western Arizona shipped grapefruits, navel and Valencia oranges, and tangerines.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	0	5	26	56	13
Range and Pasture	4	20	20	43	13

Crop Progress

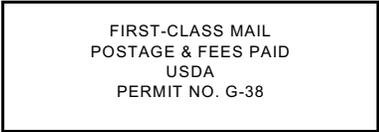
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
	-Percent-			
Durum Wheat				
- Headed	37	20	23	31
Barley				
- Headed	59	42	42	34

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly below normal for the week ending April 2. Temperatures ranged from 6 degrees below normal at Kingman to 1 degree above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 89 degrees at Casa Grande and Gila Bend while the lowest reading was Flagstaff at 19 degrees.

Precipitation was reported at 3 of the 17 reporting stations. Flagstaff received the lowest amount of precipitation at 0.04 inches and Grand Canyon received the highest amount of precipitation at 0.33 inches. All reporting stations are above normal precipitation for this time of year.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data
 March 27 - April 2, 2005**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	48	-3	62	25	0.00	5.02	2.22
Casa Grande	64	-2	89	38	0.00	4.43	2.61
Coolidge	63	-2	86	37	0.00	4.70	3.11
Douglas	56	-2	80	27	0.00	4.77	1.87
Flagstaff	39	-1	64	19	0.04	13.28	7.50
Gila Bend	67	-3	89	41	0.00	3.09	2.25
Grand Canyon	40	1	69	20	0.33	8.75	5.30
Kingman	54	-6	71	29	0.00	7.29	3.70
Parker	67	-4	82	44	0.00	4.18	2.25
Payson	49	-3	66	28	0.00	13.36	7.49
Phoenix	67	-1	86	51	0.00	5.18	2.71
Prescott Airport	47	-1	69	25	0.06	7.44	3.71
Safford Ag Center	57	-3	78	34	0.00	3.76	2.15
Tucson	62	0	86	40	0.00	2.99	2.72
Willcox	55	-2	65	41	0.00	3.73	2.76
Winslow	49	-2	76	22	0.00	3.21	1.62
Yuma	69	-1	87	49	0.00	2.25	0.93

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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