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Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	0	7	22	54	17
Range and Pasture	3	12	21	35	29

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
	-Percent-			
Cotton – Planted	19	14	15	20
Durum Wheat – Headed	64	40	53	51
Barley – Headed	80	59	53	46

Field Crops

For the week ending April 10, durum wheat has headed on 64 percent of the acreage, while barley has headed on 80 percent of the acreage. Cotton has been planted on 19 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, green onions, iceberg lettuce, herbs, mixed greens, parsley, romaine lettuce and spinach. Western Arizona producers shipped broccoli, cauliflower and green onions. Lettuce shipments included iceberg, leaf and romaine. Producers in central and western Arizona shipped grapefruits, navel and Valencia oranges, and tangerines.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly above normal for the week ending April 9. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees below normal at Kingman to 5 degrees above normal at Payson and Tucson. The highest temperature of the week was 97 degrees at Casa Grande and Gila Bend while the lowest reading was Flagstaff and Grand Canyon at 25 degrees.

Precipitation was reported at 5 of the 17 reporting stations. Winslow received the lowest amount of precipitation at 0.05 inches and Grand Canyon received the highest amount of precipitation at 0.40 inches. All reporting stations are above normal precipitation for this time of year.

Range and Pasture Conditions

During March, rangeland and pastures in Arizona were in mostly fair to excellent condition. Winter precipitation has provided good moisture, alleviating some of the dry conditions. Some rangeland is in the best condition in many years. There are areas, however, that are drying out rapidly with the recent lack of precipitation. Arizona livestock were in mostly fair to good condition. Southern Arizona ranchers reported problems with poisonous weeds. Adequate soil moisture and stock water supplies were available. Insect damage was light.

Northern grazing conditions were mostly fair to excellent at extreme elevations. Mid elevation conditions, however, were mostly poor to fair. Livestock were in fair condition. Stock water and soil moisture were adequate. Insect damage was light to moderate.

Central pasture conditions were fair to excellent. Livestock remained in fair to good condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were adequate. Insect damage was light to moderate.

Southern pastures were in fair to excellent condition. Pasture conditions were mostly good at low elevations. Higher elevation pasture conditions ranged from fair to good. Livestock were in fair to good condition. Stock water and soil moisture supplies were short to adequate. Insect damage was light.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data
 April 3 - April 9, 2005**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	49	3	79	27	0.20	5.22	2.36
Casa Grande	65	2	97	44	0.00	4.43	2.68
Coolidge	64	2	96	39	0.00	4.70	3.19
Douglas	58	3	84	32	0.00	4.77	1.94
Flagstaff	40	4	66	25	0.13	13.41	7.93
Gila Bend	68	2	97	44	0.00	3.09	2.35
Grand Canyon	42	3	72	25	0.40	9.15	5.60
Kingman	55	-2	79	30	0.00	7.29	3.84
Parker	68	0	96	46	0.00	4.18	2.32
Payson	50	5	77	30	0.00	13.36	7.90
Phoenix	69	2	96	54	0.00	5.18	2.82
Prescott Airport	48	3	76	31	0.06	7.50	3.85
Safford Ag Center	59	2	86	34	0.00	3.76	2.22
Tucson	63	5	93	45	0.00	2.99	2.80
Willcox	56	2	79	33	0.00	3.73	2.83
Winslow	51	3	82	29	0.05	3.26	1.69
Yuma	70	1	93	50	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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