



# ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

## For Week Ending April 24, 2005

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### Field Crops

For the week ending April 24, durum wheat has headed on 80 percent of the acreage, while barley has headed on 91 percent of the acreage. Cotton has been planted on 56 percent of the acreage.

Alfalfa harvest was active on slightly less than 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 cabbage, carrots, green onions, iceberg lettuce, leaf lettuce, mixed greens, parsley and romaine.

Western Arizona producers shipped cabbage, green onions, herbs, spinach and iceberg, leaf and romaine lettuces.

Producers in central and western Arizona shipped grapefruit, Valencias and tangerines last week.

### Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	2	10	24	39	25
Range and Pasture	2	13	25	34	26

### Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
	-Percent-			
Cotton – Planted	56	27	49	54
Durum Wheat – Headed	80	75	77	81
Barley – Headed	91	87	69	77

### Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly above normal for the week ending April 23. Temperatures ranged from 4 degrees below normal at Kingman to 3 degrees above normal at Safford and Willcox. The highest temperature of the week was 96 degrees at Gila Bend and Parker while the lowest reading was Flagstaff at 18 degrees.

Precipitation was reported at 12 of the 17 reporting stations. Phoenix received the lowest amount of precipitation at 0.12 inches and Payson received the highest amount of precipitation at 1.05 inches. All reporting stations are above normal precipitation for this time of year.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data  
 April 17 - April 23, 2005**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	53	0	79	28	0.60	5.82	2.64
Casa Grande	70	0	94	45	0.00	4.43	2.82
Coolidge	69	-1	93	42	0.21	4.91	3.33
Douglas	62	1	86	35	0.18	4.95	2.05
Flagstaff	44	1	65	18	0.59	14.00	8.44
Gila Bend	72	-2	96	45	0.00	3.09	2.41
Grand Canyon	46	1	72	22	0.60	9.75	6.06
Kingman	60	-4	82	28	0.44	7.73	4.04
Parker	72	-3	96	48	0.00	4.18	2.39
Payson	54	0	74	32	1.05	14.42	8.36
Phoenix	72	2	95	56	0.12	5.30	2.92
Prescott Airport	52	1	74	30	0.38	7.88	4.09
Safford Ag Center	63	3	89	41	0.54	4.30	2.35
Tucson	68	2	91	47	0.00	2.99	2.94
Willcox	60	3	85	39	0.00	3.73	2.97
Winslow	55	1	81	30	0.52	3.78	1.83
Yuma	73	0	94	56	0.55	2.80	0.95

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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