



ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

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Field Crops

For the week ending May 1, durum wheat has headed on 84 percent of the acreage, while barley has headed on 93 percent of the acreage. Cotton has been planted on 70 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 and western Arizona shipped cabbage, green onions, iceberg lettuce, and romaine lettuce.

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

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	1	11	21	41	26
Range and Pasture	2	11	26	35	26

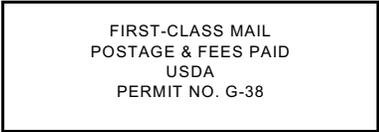
Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
	-Percent-			
Cotton – Planted	70	56	63	66
Durum Wheat – Headed	84	80	86	90
Barley – Headed	93	91	83	87

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were below normal for the week ending April 30. Temperatures ranged from 5 degrees below normal at various locations to 9 degrees below normal at McNary. The highest temperature of the week was 90 degrees at Parker while the lowest reading was Grand Canyon at 26 degrees.

Precipitation was reported at 9 of the 17 reporting stations. Kingman received the lowest amount of precipitation at 0.01 inches and Flagstaff received the highest amount of precipitation at 1.43 inches. All reporting stations are above normal precipitation for this time of year.



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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data
 April 24 - April 30, 2005**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	55	-3	69	38	0.24	6.06	2.76
Casa Grande	72	-5	87	48	0.00	4.43	2.87
Coolidge	71	-5	87	46	0.00	4.91	3.40
Douglas	63	-4	80	33	0.00	4.95	2.05
Flagstaff	46	-5	56	27	1.43	15.43	8.65
Gila Bend	74	-5	88	51	0.00	3.09	2.41
Grand Canyon	47	-4	62	26	0.41	10.16	6.27
Kingman	61	-5	76	37	0.01	7.74	4.11
Parker	74	-4	90	50	0.04	4.22	2.39
Payson	56	-4	68	36	0.09	14.51	8.50
Phoenix	74	-4	86	57	0.00	5.30	2.92
Prescott Airport	54	-4	67	34	0.50	8.38	4.16
Safford Ag Center	65	-4	82	40	0.00	4.30	2.35
Tucson	69	-4	83	49	0.00	2.99	2.96
Willcox	62	-3	80	37	0.13	3.86	2.99
Winslow	57	-4	71	36	0.12	3.90	1.87
Yuma	74	-3	88	57	0.00	2.80	1.02

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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