



# ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

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### Field Crops

**Alfalfa** condition remains mostly good. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as follows: very poor 1, poor 13, fair 25, good 42, and excellent 19. Sheeping off continues in alfalfa growing regions. Small grain planting is virtually complete throughout Arizona with plantings more than half emerged.

### Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, greens, iceberg lettuce, romaine lettuce, other lettuce, miscellaneous herbs, green onions, parsley, and spinach. Citrus produce was also shipped.

Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, green onions, greens, iceberg lettuce, romaine lettuce, other lettuce, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, miscellaneous herbs, parsley, and spinach. Citrus shipments included grapefruit, lemons, Navel oranges, and tangerines.

### Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly above normal for the week ending February 19. Temperatures ranged from 5 degrees below normal at Yuma to 9 degrees above normal at Willcox. The highest temperature of the week was 85 degrees at Parker. The lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon at 0 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 1 of the 22 reporting stations. Douglas received 0.05 inches of precipitation. Only 10 of the 22 reporting stations have received precipitation this year to date. All of the 22 reporting stations are at below normal precipitation levels to date.

### Range and Pasture

During January, Arizona's rangeland and pastures were very dry due to lack of moisture. Grazing condition was mostly poor to fair throughout the State, although a significant portion was in very poor condition. High elevation pastures were in mostly poor to fair condition, but mid and low elevation condition ranged from very poor to fair. Arizona cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Soil moisture and stock water supplies were mostly short. Insect damage was mostly light.

In Arizona's Northern region, overall grazing condition was mostly poor to fair. Condition was mostly fair at high elevations. Mid elevation condition ranged from very poor to good depending on location. Low elevation condition was mostly poor to fair. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water and soil moisture was short throughout the region. Insect damage was mostly light to moderate.

The Central region's rangeland and pasture condition ranged from very poor to fair. Condition at high and low elevations varied from very poor to fair. Mid elevation condition was mostly fair. Cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were mostly short. Insect damage was light.

In the South, rangeland and pastures ranged from very poor to good condition. Condition ranged from poor to good at high elevations. Mid elevation condition ranged rather evenly from very poor to good, depending on location. Lower elevation range and pasture condition was mostly very poor to poor. Cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water and soil moisture supplies were mostly short. Insect damage was mostly light.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data  
 February 13 - February 19, 2006**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal
Aguila	50	-3	80	25	0.00	0.00	-2.17
Buckeye	53	-3	81	30	0.00	0.00	-1.08
Canyon De Chelly	39	2	61	11	0.00	0.56	-0.54
Coolidge	53	-3	81	31	0.00	0.00	-1.42
Douglas	55	7	73	24	0.05	0.13	-0.98
Flagstaff	34	3	54	11	0.00	0.23	-3.18
Grand Canyon	31	4	56	0	0.00	0.24	-3.65
Kingman	46	-2	70	20	0.00	0.00	-1.49
Marana	57	3	81	31	0.00	0.00	-1.98
Maricopa	56	1	80	33	0.00	0.00	-1.27
Paloma	53	-4	80	29	0.00	0.00	-1.24
Parker	56	-2	85	33	0.00	0.00	-1.30
Payson	43	2	65	23	0.00	0.21	-3.05
Phoenix	61	3	78	42	0.00	0.00	-1.08
Prescott	42	4	66	21	0.00	0.04	-2.49
Roll	54	-2	81	33	0.00	0.00	-0.54
Safford	53	5	77	28	0.00	0.31	-0.83
St. Johns	44	6	66	15	0.00	0.14	-0.91
Tucson	60	6	78	39	0.00	0.00	-1.30
Willcox	54	9	75	25	0.00	0.16	-1.32
Winslow	42	3	67	12	0.00	0.05	-0.74
Yuma	55	-5	81	35	0.00	0.00	-0.49

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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