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Field Crops

Cotton planting is underway in the western part of the State. Small grain emergence is nearly complete.

Alfalfa harvest is active on less than half of the State's acreage. **Alfalfa** condition remains mostly fair to good. Range and pasture conditions across the State are very poor to poor. Sheeping off is still active in some alfalfa growing regions.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, greens, miscellaneous herbs, parsley, and spinach. Lettuce shipments included leaf, other, and romaine. Citrus produce was also shipped.

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

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			-Percent-		
Alfalfa	1	8	37	42	12
Range and Pasture	50	29	15	5	1

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly below normal for the week ending March 12. Temperatures ranged from 9 degrees below normal at Paloma to 4 degrees above normal at Douglas. The highest temperature of the week was 84 degrees at Marana. The lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon at 15 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 21 of the 22 reporting

stations. Payson received the most at 2.32 inches of precipitation and Willcox received the lowest precipitation at 0.06 inches. Douglas was the only reporting station that did not receive any precipitation. All reporting stations except Coolidge and Maricopa are below normal precipitation levels for the year.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
 March 6 - March 12, 2006**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal
Aguila	50	-6	72	33	0.11	0.11	-2.94
Buckeye	53	-8	76	37	0.91	0.91	-0.80
Canyon De Chelly	41	-2	67	24	0.48	1.14	-0.48
Coolidge	52	-7	78	33	2.13	2.13	0.01
Douglas	54	4	79	29	0.00	0.13	-1.33
Flagstaff	32	-2	57	18	1.08	1.40	-3.78
Grand Canyon	32	3	61	15	0.77	1.04	-4.60
Kingman	48	-2	69	30	0.14	0.21	-2.04
Marana	55	-5	84	38	0.79	0.79	-1.94
Maricopa	54	-5	78	38	2.26	2.26	0.36
Paloma	52	-9	75	35	0.82	0.82	-1.13
Parker	55	-7	73	38	0.26	0.26	-1.44
Payson	40	-4	67	24	2.32	2.53	-2.35
Phoenix	59	-2	80	42	1.44	1.44	-0.27
Prescott	41	-1	66	23	0.35	0.39	-3.43
Roll	56	-7	83	37	0.31	0.31	-0.38
Safford	52	1	81	29	0.46	0.77	-0.80
St. Johns	45	3	75	24	0.91	1.05	-0.55
Tucson	58	1	82	37	0.22	0.22	-1.69
Willcox	50	2	80	28	0.06	0.22	-1.68
Winslow	44	0	73	23	0.15	0.20	-1.01
Yuma	56	-8	74	37	0.36	0.36	-0.34

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

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