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Field Crops

Alfalfa condition remains mostly good. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as follows: very poor 1, poor 12, fair 35, good 39, and excellent 13.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, greens, iceberg lettuce, romaine lettuce, other lettuce, miscellaneous herbs, 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, processed lettuce, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, miscellaneous herbs, parsley, spinach, and other vegetables. Citrus shipments included grapefruit, lemons, oranges, and tangerines.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly below normal for the week ending March 19. Temperatures ranged from 9 degrees below normal at Coolidge to 2 degrees above normal at Douglas. The highest temperature of the week was 80 degrees at Marana. The lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon at -3 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 11 of the 22 reporting stations. Marana received the most at 0.28 inches of precipitation and Safford received the lowest precipitation at 0.01 inches.

Range and Pasture

During February, Arizona's rangeland and pastures were very dry due to lack of moisture. Grazing condition was very poor to fair depending on location throughout the State. 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 poor to fair at high elevations. Mid elevation condition ranged from poor to fair depending on location. Low elevation condition was poor. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water and soil moisture was short throughout the region. Insect damage was mostly light.

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

In the South, rangeland and pastures ranged from very poor to fair condition. Condition ranged from mostly fair to good at high elevations. Mid elevation condition ranged from very poor to fair, depending on location. Lower elevation range and pasture condition was mostly very poor to fair. 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
 March 13 - March 19, 2006**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal
Aguila	50	-7	73	28	0.09	0.20	-3.06
Buckeye	55	-7	77	35	0.02	0.93	-0.99
Canyon De Chelly	40	-4	63	15	0.00	1.14	-0.68
Coolidge	52	-9	75	31	0.20	2.33	0.00
Douglas	54	2	77	26	0.00	0.13	-1.40
Flagstaff	29	-7	47	3	0.12	1.52	-4.25
Grand Canyon	28	-3	50	-3	0.08	1.12	-5.08
Kingman	45	-6	66	26	0.03	0.24	-2.29
Marana	55	-5	80	31	0.28	1.07	-1.83
Maricopa	55	-6	79	34	0.17	2.43	0.32
Paloma	54	-8	77	32	0.05	0.87	-1.29
Parker	56	-8	75	36	0.00	0.26	-1.51
Payson	38	-8	60	18	0.00	1.06	-4.38
Phoenix	60	-3	79	43	0.00	1.44	-0.48
Prescott	40	-3	60	17	0.14	0.53	-3.71
Roll	56	-7	79	35	0.00	0.31	-0.45
Safford	51	-3	77	26	0.01	0.78	-0.93
St. Johns	38	-7	66	-2	0.00	1.05	-0.76
Tucson	57	-2	79	32	0.00	0.22	-1.83
Willcox	52	1	76	24	0.00	0.22	-1.82
Winslow	40	-6	67	15	0.00	0.20	-1.15
Yuma	57	-8	76	39	0.00	0.36	-0.41

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

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