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Field Crops

Alfalfa harvest is active on over three-quarters of the State's acreage. **Alfalfa** condition remains mostly good. Range and pasture conditions across the State are mostly poor to very poor.

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, processed lettuce, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, miscellaneous herbs, parsley, other vegetables, and spinach. Citrus shipments included grapefruit, lemons, oranges, and tangerines.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	0	10	28	50	12
Range and Pasture	30	35	21	12	2

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5- Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton - Planted	10	7	13	11
Durum Wheat - Headed	19	10	37	29
Barley - Headed	22	14	57	37

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly above normal for the week ending April 2. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees below normal at Parker and Yuma to 9 degrees above normal at Willcox. The highest temperature of the week was 86 degrees at Roll. The lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon at 18

degrees. Precipitation was reported at 10 of the 22 reporting stations. Flagstaff received the most at 0.66 inches of precipitation and Tucson received the lowest precipitation at 0.01 inches. Maricopa is the only reporting station with above normal precipitation to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
March 27 - April 2, 2006

Station	Temperature				Precipitation		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal
Aguila	60	2	78	40	0.00	0.27	-3.25
Buckeye	65	3	82	48	0.00	0.93	-1.32
Canyon De Chelly	50	4	68	29	0.06	1.24	-0.86
Coolidge	63	0	79	45	0.00	2.37	-0.31
Douglas	61	6	81	37	0.00	0.19	-1.48
Flagstaff	39	1	58	20	0.66	2.44	-4.38
Grand Canyon	40	7	58	18	0.37	1.76	-5.40
Kingman	54	1	74	33	0.29	0.69	-2.26
Marana	65	4	82	48	0.00	1.11	-2.05
Maricopa	66	4	79	50	0.00	2.44	0.02
Paloma	64	0	85	42	0.00	0.87	-1.54
Parker	65	-2	83	46	0.00	0.26	-1.64
Payson	48	-1	68	31	0.03	1.19	-5.20
Phoenix	69	5	83	57	0.00	1.56	-0.71
Prescott	50	5	67	32	0.22	1.09	-3.88
Roll	65	2	86	46	0.00	0.31	-0.48
Safford	62	6	84	39	0.02	0.80	-1.07
St. Johns	52	5	71	34	0.06	1.11	-1.05
Tucson	66	5	83	48	0.01	0.41	-1.90
Willcox	62	9	81	36	0.00	0.22	-2.02
Winslow	51	3	71	30	0.03	0.29	-1.25
Yuma	65	-2	85	49	0.00	0.36	-0.49

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

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