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Field Crops

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

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped cabbage, carrots, iceberg lettuce, romaine lettuce, other lettuce, and parsley. 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, and parsley. Citrus shipments are winding down.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	0	5	37	44	14
Range and Pasture	50	25	13	11	1

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5- Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton - Planted	35	23	52	51
Durum Wheat - Headed	60	36	79	78
Barley - Headed	65	40	90	77

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly above normal for the week ending April 23. Temperatures ranged from 6 degrees below normal at Parker to 7 degrees above normal at Willcox. The highest temperature of the week was 94 degrees at various locations. The

lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon at 18 degrees. No precipitation was reported at any of the 22 reporting stations. All of the reporting stations are at below normal precipitation for the year to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
April 17 - April 23, 2006

Station	Temperature				Precipitation		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal
Aguila	64	0	87	44	0.00	0.29	-3.47
Buckeye	68	1	93	47	0.00	0.93	-1.52
Canyon De Chelly	53	2	83	24	0.00	1.36	-1.08
Coolidge	65	-3	92	41	0.00	2.37	-0.60
Douglas	65	5	88	38	0.00	0.19	-1.60
Flagstaff	46	3	66	23	0.00	3.17	-4.71
Grand Canyon	45	6	72	18	0.00	2.42	-5.52
Kingman	59	2	82	34	0.00	1.13	-2.27
Marana	69	3	94	46	0.00	1.15	-2.38
Maricopa	69	-1	93	48	0.00	2.44	-0.21
Paloma	65	-4	94	42	0.00	0.87	-1.73
Parker	66	-6	91	44	0.00	0.26	-1.79
Payson	56	4	76	36	0.00	1.44	-5.74
Phoenix	75	4	94	58	0.00	1.57	-0.88
Prescott	56	6	75	34	0.00	1.44	-4.12
Roll	68	0	93	44	0.00	0.31	-0.61
Safford	67	6	94	42	0.00	0.81	-1.20
St. Johns	58	5	87	30	0.00	1.25	-1.28
Tucson	71	4	91	50	0.00	0.41	-2.11
Willcox	65	7	90	38	0.00	0.22	-2.19
Winslow	56	2	85	28	0.00	0.29	-1.42
Yuma	67	-5	90	46	0.00	0.36	-0.64

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

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