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Field Crops

Durum wheat and barley emergence has occurred on virtually all of the acreage, although there continues some unusually late seedings still underway. Alfalfa harvest was active on over three quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition is mostly good to excellent. Cotton planting remains active in the Yuma area. Range and pasture conditions across the State range from mostly poor to good, depending on location and elevation.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, greens, parsley, miscellaneous herbs, and various citrus.

Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, endive, escarole, frisee, greens, kale, mache, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, miscellaneous herbs, green onions, parsley, radicchio, spinach, Swiss chard, and various citrus last week. Lettuce shipments included Boston, green leaf, red leaf, iceberg, and romaine.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	4	18	38	40
Range and Pasture	10	23	36	29	2

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Durum Wheat				
• Emerged	97	95	97	98
Barley				
• Emerged	100	95	99	98

Weather Summary

Temperatures were above normal in the State for the week ending March 11. Temperatures ranged from 11 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon to 4 degrees above normal at Canyon de Chelly and Paloma. The highest temperature of the week was 92 degrees at Roll, and the lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon

at 16 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 2 of the 22 reporting stations. Grand Canyon received 0.10 inches of precipitation and Flagstaff received 0.01 inches. Safford is the only station currently above normal for precipitation. Yuma has received no precipitation for the year to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
March 5 - March 11, 2007

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	63	8	85	37	0.00	0.96	-2.06	32
Buckeye	66	7	89	37	0.00	0.83	-0.85	49
Canyon De Chelly	45	4	66	17	0.00	0.92	-0.67	58
Coolidge	63	6	86	34	0.00	0.64	-1.45	31
Douglas	56	5	82	26	0.00	1.28	-0.17	88
Flagstaff	42	9	62	17	0.01	2.17	-2.92	43
Grand Canyon	40	11	65	16	0.10	1.26	-4.29	23
Kingman	58	9	77	33	0.00	0.39	-1.82	18
Marana	66	9	87	44	0.00	0.47	-2.23	17
Maricopa	65	7	88	37	0.00	0.53	-1.34	28
Paloma	63	4	89	37	0.00	0.19	-1.73	10
Parker	67	7	91	42	0.00	0.04	-1.65	2
Payson	50	7	72	28	0.00	2.04	-2.76	43
Phoenix	69	10	87	51	0.00	0.89	-0.79	53
Prescott	51	10	73	29	0.00	1.04	-2.72	28
Roll	65	5	92	37	0.00	0.01	-0.67	1
Safford	57	6	81	32	0.00	1.95	0.40	126
St. Johns	49	7	76	17	0.00	0.57	-1.00	36
Tucson	65	9	87	44	0.00	0.75	-1.14	40
Willcox	54	5	86	26	0.00	1.23	-0.65	65
Winslow	48	5	76	18	0.00	1.12	-0.07	94
Yuma	67	6	90	46	0.00	0.00	-0.69	0

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

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