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Field Crops

Nearly a third of the small grain acreage has headed, ahead of last year and the 5 year average. Alfalfa harvest was active on over three quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition is mostly fair to good. Cotton planting is 10 percent completed compared with 10 percent a year ago. 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, green peas, 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	32	36	28
Range and Pasture	10	20	44	24	2

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Planted	10	5	10	9
Durum Wheat				
• Headed	28	18	18	25
Barley				
• Headed	35	30	21	34

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly below normal in the State for the week ending April 1. Temperatures ranged from 4 degrees below normal at Paloma to 5 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 91 degrees at Roll and Yuma, and the lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon at 17 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 5

of the 22 reporting stations. Canyon De Chelly received the most at 0.18 inches of precipitation and Grand Canyon received the least with 0.04 inches. Four stations are currently above normal for precipitation. Yuma has received no measurable precipitation for the year to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
March 26 - April 1, 2007

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	59	-1	85	35	0.00	1.52	-2.00	43
Buckeye	62	-2	86	39	0.00	1.49	-0.76	66
Canyon De Chelly	45	-3	69	27	0.18	1.61	-0.47	77
Coolidge	60	-3	86	35	0.00	1.23	-1.45	46
Douglas	54	-2	79	29	0.00	2.34	0.68	141
Flagstaff	39	1	62	20	0.09	2.67	-4.08	40
Grand Canyon	38	5	62	17	0.04	2.59	-4.52	36
Kingman	54	2	77	32	0.00	0.47	-2.45	16
Marana	61	-2	85	40	0.00	1.29	-1.87	41
Maricopa	62	-2	87	38	0.00	1.29	-1.13	53
Paloma	61	-4	87	37	0.00	0.60	-1.81	25
Parker	65	-1	90	42	0.00	0.61	-1.29	32
Payson	47	-2	69	25	0.00	3.35	-2.99	53
Phoenix	66	2	84	49	0.00	1.72	-0.53	76
Prescott	48	3	71	28	0.08	2.45	-2.48	50
Roll	65	1	91	39	0.00	0.06	-0.73	8
Safford	56	0	83	33	0.00	2.76	0.90	148
St. Johns	48	2	76	28	0.00	0.88	-1.26	41
Tucson	60	-2	83	38	0.00	1.34	-0.96	58
Willcox	53	-1	79	28	0.00	2.75	0.51	123
Winslow	48	-1	72	28	0.10	2.10	0.57	137
Yuma	64	-3	91	39	0.00	0.00	-0.85	0

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

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