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Field Crops

Cotton planting is 25 percent complete, 4 percentage points ahead of the five year average. Small grain acreage is at least 50 percent headed across the State. Alfalfa harvest remains active on three-quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions are mostly fair to excellent, depending on location.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers shipped cabbage, carrots, greens, and parsley. Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, miscellaneous Asian vegetables and herbs, parsley, spinach, and citrus. Lettuce shipments included Boston, green leaf, iceberg, red leaf, and romaine.

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly below normal across the State for the week ending April 13. Temperatures ranged from 6 degrees below normal at Canyon De Chelly to 5 degrees above normal at Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 97 degrees at Roll, and the lowest reading of 12 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 2 of the 22 stations. Canyon De Chelly received 0.15 inches of precipitation and Tucson received 0.05 of an inch. Only Canyon De Chelly is currently above normal precipitation for the year to date.

Range and Pasture

During the month of March 2008, moisture is down in most parts of the state. In many areas of Arizona a good rain is needed to help with spring feed. The State's rangeland and pasture condition varied from poor to excellent, depending on location. Arizona cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies were mostly short and soil moisture were short. Insect damage was light.

In Arizona's Northern region, rangeland and pasture condition was fair to good. High elevation conditions were mostly good. Mid elevation conditions ranged from fair to good. Low elevation conditions were mostly fair. Cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water supplies were mostly short, and soil moisture was short. Insect damage was light.

The Central region's rangeland and pasture condition varied from poor to good. Mid elevation conditions were poor to mostly good. Low elevation conditions were poor to fair. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies were adequate. Soil moisture was short. Insect damage was moderate.

In the South, rangeland and pasture conditions were poor to excellent, depending on location. High elevation conditions varied from poor to excellent. Mid elevation conditions were poor to excellent. Low elevation conditions varied from good to mostly excellent, depending on location. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies were mostly short to adequate. Soil moisture was short. Insect damage was light.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
April 7 - April 13, 2008

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	62	-1	92	38	0.00	2.20	-1.48	60
Buckeye	65	1	93	45	0.00	2.26	-0.15	94
Canyon De Chelly	44	-6	69	22	0.15	2.62	0.28	112
Coolidge	61	-5	89	37	0.00	1.49	-1.40	52
Douglas	57	-3	82	31	0.00	0.31	-1.44	18
Flagstaff	42	2	60	20	0.00	6.54	-0.95	87
Grand Canyon	38	2	65	12	0.00	4.35	-3.32	57
Kingman	54	-3	75	30	0.00	2.93	-0.31	90
Marana	65	0	93	42	0.00	1.67	-1.75	49
Maricopa	66	-1	92	41	0.00	1.49	-1.07	58
Paloma	64	-3	92	40	0.00	1.06	-1.47	42
Parker	68	-2	95	44	0.00	1.11	-0.92	55
Payson	50	-2	75	28	0.00	5.63	-1.28	81
Phoenix	71	3	86	55	0.00	1.97	-0.44	82
Prescott	50	3	71	30	0.00	4.25	-1.12	79
Roll	67	2	97	42	0.00	0.65	-0.26	71
Safford	59	-1	83	39	0.00	1.50	-0.49	75
St. Johns	48	-4	71	26	0.00	1.23	-1.18	51
Tucson	65	0	84	42	0.05	1.81	-0.62	74
Willcox	56	0	78	30	0.00	1.05	-1.32	44
Winslow	48	-4	74	20	0.00	1.50	-0.16	90
Yuma	74	5	94	56	0.00	0.35	-0.56	38

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

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