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## Field Crops

Cotton planting is 40 percent complete, 4 percentage points ahead of the five year average. Small grain acreage is at least 65 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. Range and pasture conditions across the State remain mostly poor to good, depending on location and elevation.

## Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers shipped cabbage and carrots. Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, celery, iceberg lettuce, and romaine lettuce.

### **Crop Condition**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	4	21	23	52
Range and Pasture	2	22	42	25	9

### **Crop Progress**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Planted	40	25	37	36
Durum Wheat				
• Headed	65	50	66	66
Barely				
• Headed	70	55	67	67

### **Weather Summary**

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending April 20. Temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below normal at Coolidge and Paloma to 7 degrees above normal at Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 103 degrees at

Yuma, and the lowest reading of 10 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. No precipitation was reported at any of the 22 stations. Only Canyon De Chelly is currently above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data**  
**April 14 - April 20, 2008**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	63	-2	92	39	0.00	2.20	-1.55	59
Buckeye	67	1	96	42	0.00	2.26	-0.19	92
Canyon De Chelly	51	-1	78	26	0.00	2.62	0.21	109
Coolidge	65	-3	95	36	0.00	1.49	-1.47	50
Douglas	64	4	89	30	0.00	0.31	-1.45	18
Flagstaff	46	4	71	19	0.00	6.54	-1.26	84
Grand Canyon	43	5	74	10	0.00	4.35	-3.53	55
Kingman	59	2	87	28	0.00	2.93	-0.45	87
Marana	69	3	97	41	0.00	1.67	-1.84	48
Maricopa	68	0	98	40	0.00	1.49	-1.14	57
Paloma	66	-3	98	39	0.00	1.06	-1.53	41
Parker	69	-2	98	43	0.00	1.11	-0.94	54
Payson	55	2	77	30	0.00	5.63	-1.49	79
Phoenix	76	6	98	56	0.00	1.97	-0.48	80
Prescott	55	6	80	31	0.00	4.25	-1.27	77
Roll	68	2	98	39	0.00	0.65	-0.26	71
Safford	64	3	90	33	0.00	1.50	-0.51	75
St. Johns	52	-1	80	23	0.00	1.23	-1.29	49
Tucson	70	5	95	44	0.00	1.81	-0.69	72
Willcox	61	4	89	29	0.00	1.05	-1.35	44
Winslow	55	2	85	28	0.00	1.50	-0.19	89
Yuma	79	7	103	58	0.00	0.35	-0.56	38

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

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