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Field Crops

Cotton planting is 53 percent complete, 2 percentage points behind the five year average. Small grain acreage is at least 80 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 carrots and potatoes.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	4	21	21	48
Range and Pasture	4	27	39	23	7

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Planted	53	40	51	55
Durum Wheat				
• Headed	80	65	81	78
Barely				
• Headed	85	70	81	78

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending April 27. Temperatures ranged from 6 degrees below normal at Coolidge to 6 degrees above normal at Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 101 degrees at Yuma, and

the lowest reading of 12 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 1 of the 22 stations. Yuma reported 0.10 inches of precipitation for the week. Only Canyon De Chelly is currently above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
April 21 - April 27, 2008

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	66	2	90	40	0.00	2.20	-1.62	58
Buckeye	70	2	94	46	0.00	2.26	-0.19	92
Canyon De Chelly	53	-2	74	27	0.00	2.62	0.07	103
Coolidge	64	-6	89	39	0.00	1.49	-1.54	49
Douglas	63	2	88	37	0.00	0.31	-1.52	17
Flagstaff	46	2	65	22	0.00	6.54	-1.54	81
Grand Canyon	42	2	68	12	0.00	4.35	-3.74	54
Kingman	57	-4	80	34	0.00	2.93	-0.53	85
Marana	69	0	90	47	0.00	1.67	-1.91	47
Maricopa	69	-2	94	45	0.00	1.49	-1.19	56
Paloma	68	-2	97	41	0.00	1.06	-1.55	41
Parker	71	-2	95	44	0.00	1.11	-0.94	54
Payson	56	2	77	32	0.00	5.63	-1.68	77
Phoenix	75	3	95	57	0.00	1.97	-0.48	80
Prescott	54	3	75	31	0.00	4.25	-1.41	75
Roll	69	1	100	43	0.00	0.65	-0.26	71
Safford	64	1	88	38	0.00	1.50	-0.54	74
St. Johns	51	-4	78	23	0.00	1.23	-1.36	47
Tucson	69	2	90	48	0.00	1.81	-0.76	70
Willcox	63	4	88	36	0.00	1.05	-1.42	43
Winslow	53	-3	80	26	0.00	1.50	-0.26	85
Yuma	79	6	101	55	0.10	0.45	-0.46	49

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

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