



ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

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PRECIPITATION REPORTED THROUGHOUT STATE

Alfalfa harvest was reported as 60 percent not being harvested, 18 percent light, 14 percent moderate, and 8 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 4 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 64 percent good, and 12 percent excellent. Sheeping-off was widely reported as being light to none.

Range and Pasture received much needed rain throughout the state. Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 11 percent very poor, 22 percent poor, 48 percent fair, 18 percent good, and 1 percent excellent. **Livestock** was reported to be in fair condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short to adequate while **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as none to light.

As of March 12, 9 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 9 percent of **Barley**, 6 percent of **Other Wheat**, and 8 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as headed.

Temperatures throughout the state were slightly below average last week. Temperatures ranged from normal at Safford to 6 degrees below normal at Gila Bend. The highest temperature of the week was 83 degrees at Coolidge and Parker while the lowest reading was 11 degrees

at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at all stations. Precipitation ranged from .12 inches at Yuma to 3.65 inches at Payson.

Last week Arizona received significant precipitation statewide. Central Arizona producers shipped a variety of vegetables including **bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, cilantro, dandelion, dill, endive, escarole, flowering kale, green onions, kale, kohlrabi, mixed greens, napa, parsley, spinach and swiss chard**. Lettuce shipments included **leaf** and **romaine**. Eastern Arizona producers shipped **hot house tomatoes**. Producers in western Arizona also shipped a wide variety of vegetables including **anise, bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, endive, escarole, kale, mixed greens, napa, parsley, salad savoy, spinach and swiss chard**. Western lettuce and salad/salad mixes shipments included **boston, iceberg, leaf, romaine** and **spring mix**.

Central Arizona citrus producers harvested **lemons, navels, grapefruit, minneolas, fairchild tangerines and tangelos**. Western citrus producers harvested **grapefruit, lemons** and **tangelos** last week.



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TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR THE WEEK MARCH 5-11, 2000

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	41	-5	57	15	0.15	0.69	1.65
Casa Grande	58	-5	70	40	1.60	1.74	1.75
Coolidge	57	-4	83	39	2.00	2.21	1.97
Douglas	51	-1	74	25	0.29	0.31	1.45
Flagstaff	33	-3	53	11	1.46	4.10	5.09
Gila Bend	61	-6	79	42	1.85	2.05	1.43
Grand Canyon	33	-1	55	19	1.63	4.92	3.33
Kingman	49	-3	70	33	0.32	1.27	2.23
Parker	61	-4	83	39	0.36	0.59	1.26
Payson	43	-3	73	23	3.65	5.00	4.80
Phoenix	60	-5	78	43	2.73	2.78	1.68
Prescott Airport	43	-5	65	25	0.66	1.87	2.12
Safford Ag Center	50	0	74	27	0.10	0.31	1.55
Tucson	56	-4	79	36	0.82	1.12	1.89
Willcox	48	-1	69	26	0.33	0.97	1.88
Winslow	43	-2	58	25	0.36	0.55	1.19
Yuma	63	-3	82	43	0.12	0.30	0.68

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

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.