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ABOVE AVERAGE TEMPERATURES CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE STATE

Alfalfa harvest was reported as 58 percent not being harvested, 11 percent light, 24 percent moderate, and 7 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 6 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 68 percent good, and 9 percent excellent. Sheeping-off was widely reported as being light to none.

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.

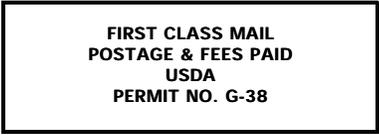
As of March 17, 10 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 10 percent of **Barley**, 8 percent of **Other Wheat**, and 9 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as headed.

Temperatures throughout the state were generally above average last week. Temperatures ranged from one degree below normal at Canyon De Chelly to 8 degrees above normal at Casa Grande and Coolidge. The highest temperature of the week was 92 degrees at Parker while the lowest reading was 18 degrees at Canyon De Chelly. No

precipitation was reported throughout the state. Four stations have recorded more than normal rainfall levels to date.

Last week the temperatures in Arizona were again above average. Producers in central Arizona continued to ship a variety of vegetables including **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, broccoflower, 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 12-18, 2000

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	43	-1	67	18	0.00	0.69	1.80
Casa Grande	60	8	86	50	0.00	1.74	1.96
Coolidge	57	8	87	40	0.00	2.21	2.18
Douglas	53	5	81	30	0.00	0.31	1.52
Flagstaff	35	5	59	20	0.00	4.10	5.69
Gila Bend	63	5	89	46	0.00	2.05	1.57
Grand Canyon	34	7	61	24	0.00	4.92	3.76
Kingman	51	5	76	38	0.00	1.27	2.50
Parker	63	7	92	47	0.00	0.59	1.40
Payson	46	6	74	28	0.00	5.00	5.36
Phoenix	62	7	84	51	0.00	2.78	1.89
Prescott Airport	44	6	69	30	0.00	1.87	2.33
Safford Ag Center	53	7	82	35	0.00	0.31	1.69
Tucson	58	6	82	45	0.00	1.12	2.03
Willcox	51	5	78	30	0.00	0.97	2.02
Winslow	45	3	71	26	0.00	0.55	1.33
Yuma	65	7	88	53	0.00	0.30	0.75

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.