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ABOVE AVERAGE TEMPERATURES THROUGHOUT STATE

As of April 16, cotton planting continued to gain momentum with 40 percent of **Cotton** reported as planted.

Alfalfa harvest was reported as 48 percent not being harvested, 14 percent light, 18 percent moderate, and 20 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 6 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 40 percent good, and 19 percent excellent.

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 3 percent very poor, 28 percent poor, 37 percent fair, 27 percent good, and 5 percent excellent. **Livestock** was reported to be in fair condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short to adequate. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as none to light.

As of April 16, 76 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 76 percent of **Barley**, 64 percent of **Other Wheat**, and 64 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as headed.

Temperatures throughout the state remained well above average for the second week in a row. Temperatures ranged from 8 degrees above normal at Coolidge to 5 degree above normal at Douglas, Flagstaff, Gila Bend, Willcox, and Yuma.

The highest temperature of the week was 99 degrees at Parker while the lowest reading was 25 degrees at Flagstaff, and Grand Canyon. No precipitation was reported for the second week in a row.

Last week producers in central Arizona continued to ship a variety of vegetables including **beets, broccoli, cabbage, cilantro, dandelion, dill, green onions, kale, kohlrabi, mixed greens, 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, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, endive, escarole, flowering kale, kale, mixed greens, 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 APRIL 9-15, 2000

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	50	7	79	32	0.00	2.34	2.36
Casa Grande	67	7	95	55	0.00	1.74	2.49
Coolidge	64	8	98	49	0.00	2.27	2.79
Douglas	60	5	87	44	0.00	0.37	1.80
Flagstaff	41	5	68	25	0.05	5.30	7.54
Gila Bend	69	5	97	52	0.00	2.05	1.97
Grand Canyon	42	7	72	25	0.00	5.76	5.07
Kingman	57	6	84	44	0.00	1.40	3.29
Parker	70	6	99	57	0.00	0.66	1.69
Payson	52	6	81	32	0.00	6.07	7.03
Phoenix	69	6	94	57	0.00	2.99	2.42
Prescott Airport	51	6	76	37	0.00	2.07	2.93
Safford Ag Center	61	6	90	44	0.00	0.33	2.00
Tucson	65	6	92	50	0.00	1.18	2.44
Willcox	57	5	86	39	0.00	1.09	2.38
Winslow	52	7	82	35	0.00	1.49	1.67
Yuma	71	5	95	57	0.00	0.30	0.92

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.