



# ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

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## ABOVE AVERAGE TEMPERATURES THROUGHOUT STATE

Cotton planting is continuing at a steady pace. As of April 23, 56 percent of **Cotton** was reported as planted, compared to 34 percent last year and 59 percent for the 5-year average.

Alfalfa harvest activity increased slightly compared to last week. **Alfalfa** harvest was reported as 37 percent not being harvested, 15 percent light, 19 percent moderate, and 29 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 6 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 42 percent good, and 23 percent excellent.

**Range and Pasture** conditions were reported as 10 percent very poor, 28 percent poor, 34 percent fair, 22 percent good, and 6 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 23, 5 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 3 percent of **Barley**, 5 percent of **Other Wheat**, and 8 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as mature.

Temperatures throughout the state were slightly above average. Temperatures ranged from 4 degrees above normal at Canyon De Chelly, Douglas, Grand Canyon, and Winslow to

1 degree below normal at Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 96 degrees at Parker and Coolidge, while the lowest reading was 23 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 6 stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.01 inches at Canyon De Chelly to 0.25 at Grand Canyon.

Last week producers in central Arizona continued to ship a variety of vegetables including **beet, broccoli, cabbage, cilantro, dill, green onions, kale, kohlrabi, mixed greens, parsley, potatoes, 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 **broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, endive, flowering kale, mixed greens, radicchio, salad savoy, spinach** and **swiss chard**. **Peaches** were also shipped last week. 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 16-22, 2000**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	52	4	79	37	0.01	2.35	2.50
Casa Grande	68	1	93	49	0.00	1.74	2.56
Coolidge	67	3	96	43	0.00	2.27	2.86
Douglas	62	4	91	41	0.00	0.37	1.86
Flagstaff	43	1	69	23	0.09	5.39	7.84
Gila Bend	71	1	92	52	0.00	2.05	2.02
Grand Canyon	44	4	71	25	0.25	6.01	5.31
Kingman	59	2	82	37	0.22	1.62	3.39
Parker	72	1	96	55	0.00	0.66	1.71
Payson	54	2	83	31	0.02	6.09	7.20
Phoenix	71	2	93	58	0.00	2.99	2.45
Prescott Airport	52	1	76	34	0.09	2.16	3.07
Safford Ag Center	63	3	91	40	0.00	0.33	2.06
Tucson	67	2	92	49	0.00	1.18	2.51
Willcox	59	3	88	36	0.00	1.09	2.45
Winslow	54	4	82	34	0.00	1.49	1.70
Yuma	72	-1	87	53	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.