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RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITIONS WORSEN SMALL GRAIN HARVEST WELL UNDERWAY

High temperatures, high winds, less than normal winter precipitation, and lack of spring rain have left ranges and pastures very dry with little spring growth. Ranchers are hoping for an early monsoon season to replenish stock ponds. Pastures throughout the state were reported to be in poor to fair condition. Mesquite blooms, dry feed, and supplements have helped livestock, yet livestock were reported in poor to fair condition. Stock ponds are drying up and many dirt tanks and wells are reported to be dry. Stock water was reported as short to adequate, while soil moisture was reported as short. Insect damage was widely reported as light with some grasshopper damage reported in Apache and Navajo county.

Overall, Northern grazing conditions ranged from very poor to fair during May. High elevation pastures were reported in poor to fair condition, while mid level and lower pastures were reported in very poor to fair condition. Livestock condition was poor to fair. Stock water supplies were reported as short to adequate, while soil moisture was reported as short. Insect damage was widely reported as light.

Central Arizona pasture conditions were reported in very poor to good conditions at low and mid level elevations, and poor to fair at high elevations. Livestock conditions remained constant, being reported as fair. Stock water was reported as short to adequate, while soil moisture was reported as short. Insect damage was widely reported as light.

Southern pasture conditions were reported in very poor to good condition at low and high level elevations. Mid level elevations reported conditions ranging from very poor to fair. Livestock conditions were reported as poor to fair. Stock water was reported as short to adequate, while soil moisture was reported as short. Insect damage was reported as light.

As of June 11, 100 percent of **Cotton** was reported as planted, compared with 100 percent last year and 100 percent for the 5-year average. **Cotton** squaring is ahead of last year, but remains slightly behind the 5-year average. As of June 11, 41 percent of cotton was reported as squared, compared to 30 percent last year and 49 percent for the 5-year average.

Alfalfa harvest activity increased slightly compared with last week. **Alfalfa** harvest was reported as 42 percent not being harvested, 5 percent light, 17 percent moderate, and 36 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 4 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 54 percent good, and 19 percent excellent.

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 26 percent very poor, 23 percent poor, 31 percent fair, and 20 percent good. **Livestock** were reported to be in poor to fair condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short to adequate. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as light.

As of June 11, 100 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 100 percent of **Barley**, 100 percent of **Other Wheat**, and 100 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as **mature**, while 41 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 60 percent of **Barley**, 45 percent of **Other Wheat**, and 51 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as **harvested**.

Temperatures throughout the State remained above average for the week of June 11. Temperatures ranged from 8 degrees above normal at Casa Grande to 2 degrees above normal at Gila Bend and Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 113 degrees at Coolidge, while the lowest reading was 34 degrees at Flagstaff. Light precipitation was reported at Douglas, Safford and Willcox.

Above average temperatures in Arizona are resulting in earlier than normal harvesting of late spring/early summer fruits, vegetables and melons. Last week producers in central Arizona shipped **cantaloupes, honeydews, perlette grapes, potatoes and watermelons**. As western Arizona vegetable season nears its conclusion, producers shipped an assortment of grapes and melons. **Grape** shipments included **beauty, flame and perlette**. **Melon** shipments included **canary, cantaloupes, casaba, crenshaw, honeydew, orange flesh, persian, santa claus, sharlyn, specialty and watermelons**.

Central Arizona citrus producers harvested **grapefruit** and **valencias**. Western citrus producers harvested **grapefruit** last week.



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TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR THE WEEK JUNE 4-10, 2000

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	67	5	97	47	0.00	2.41	3.18
Casa Grande	83	8	111	68	0.00	1.74	2.70
Coolidge	82	5	113	60	0.00	2.27	3.01
Douglas	76	3	100	60	0.16	0.62	2.06
Flagstaff	57	4	87	34	0.00	5.48	8.89
Gila Bend	85	2	110	65	0.00	2.05	2.16
Grand Canyon	59	5	89	40	0.00	6.01	6.16
Kingman	73	5	100	51	0.00	1.62	3.72
Parker	85	3	111	65	0.00	0.66	1.77
Payson	68	4	99	45	0.00	6.09	8.00
Phoenix	86	5	109	72	0.00	2.99	2.57
Prescott Airport	66	5	94	47	0.00	2.16	3.57
Safford Ag Center	77	6	104	58	0.08	0.41	2.30
Tucson	82	4	106	64	0.00	1.18	2.77
Willcox	73	4	100	52	0.04	1.14	2.71
Winslow	70	4	98	51	0.00	1.53	2.15
Yuma	85	2	107	66	0.00	0.30	0.96

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.