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### Field Crops Report

As of February 10, **alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 44 percent not being harvested, 15 percent light, 15 percent moderate and 26 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 16 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 5 percent excellent. **Alfalfa** sheeping off was reported as light.

**Small Grains** planting is virtually complete, while emergence is well underway. As of February 10, 66 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 68 percent of **Winter Wheat**, 66 percent of **Barley**, and 67 percent of **Other Small Grains** reported as emerged.

### Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, head lettuce, leaf lettuce, mixed greens, romaine and spinach.

Western Arizona producers shipped anise, bok choy, broccoflower, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, endive, escarole, mixed greens, kale, napa, parsley, radicchio, rapini, salad savoy and spinach last week. Western lettuce shipments included boston, iceberg, leaf, romaine and spring mix.

Last week citrus producers in central Arizona harvested tangerines, lemons, grapefruit, mandarins and navels, while western producers harvested tangerines, lemons and grapefruit.

### Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

**Range and Pasture** conditions declined slightly from last week and were reported as 8 percent very poor, 15 percent poor, 53 percent fair, 21 percent good, and 3 percent excellent. **Livestock** were reported to be in good condition. **Stock Water** was reported as adequate. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as light. During January, ranges and pastures in Arizona remained in poor to fair condition. Arizona livestock were in fair condition, worsening slightly when compared with last month. Stock water supplies throughout the state were short to adequate, while soil moisture remained short. Insect damage was reported as none to very light.

Northern grazing conditions were poor to good during the month of January, worsening slightly. Most ranchers reported cold, windy, and dry conditions continuing throughout the month of January with light snowfall. High level elevation pastures ranged from fair to good condition. Mid level elevations worsened, ranging from poor to fair condition. Low level elevations also worsened slightly, ranging from poor to good condition. Livestock were reported to be in fair condition. Stock water supplies were reported as short to adequate. Soil moisture conditions were reported as short. Insect damage was reported as none to very light.

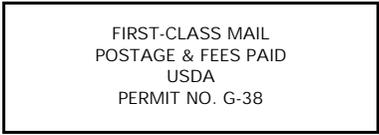
Overall, central pasture conditions were reported as poor to fair, worsening when compared to last month. Some ranchers continued reporting very dry conditions with little to no precipitation. Range and pasture conditions were reported as poor to fair at high level elevations, improving when compared with last month. Mid level elevations were reported in poor to fair condition, while lower level conditions ranged from fair to good. Livestock conditions were reported as fair. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were reported as short. Insect damage was reported as none.

Southern pastures were reported to be in fair condition overall, worsening slightly when compared with last month. Ranchers continued to report very dry, cold conditions, little tank water and very little rain. Conditions were fair to good at high level elevation, remaining constant when compared with last month. Mid level conditions remained as poor to fair. Lower level pastures also ranged from poor to fair, worsening slightly when compared with last month. Livestock condition was reported as fair. Stock water supplies were reported as short to adequate, while soil moisture was reported as short. Insect damage was reported as none.

### Weather Summary

Temperatures for most of the State were below average for the week ending February 9. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees above normal at Safford and Willcox, to 6 degrees below normal at Winslow. The highest temperature of the week was 77 degrees at Gila Bend and Yuma, while the lowest reading was 4 degrees at Flagstaff and Winslow. Precipitation was reported at 5 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.01 inches at Safford to 0.64 inches at Douglas.

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**Weather Information Table (temperatures, precipitation, and/or growing degree days)**

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA  
 FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 3 TO FEBRUARY 9, 2002**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	35	-5	58	7	0.00	0.06	0.90
Casa Grande	53	-1	74	29	0.03	0.16	0.91
Coolidge	53	-1	76	29	0.00	0.04	1.00
Douglas	47	-1	72	25	0.64	1.29	0.91
Flagstaff	31	-2	55	4	0.00	0.02	2.67
Gila Bend	57	-2	77	32	0.00	0.05	0.83
Grand Canyon	30	1	56	10	0.00	0.05	1.74
Kingman	45	-1	67	22	0.00	0.04	1.19
Parker	57	-2	75	33	0.00	0.00	0.76
Payson	40	-2	60	17	0.00	0.33	2.59
Phoenix	56	1	74	39	0.00	0.05	0.85
Prescott Airport	40	-2	63	16	0.00	0.00	1.28
Safford Ag Center	46	2	70	27	0.01	0.09	0.91
Tucson	53	0	74	33	0.27	0.61	1.06
Willcox	44	2	69	22	0.43	0.80	1.20
Winslow	37	-6	65	4	0.00	0.03	0.59
Yuma	59	-1	77	36	0.00	0.00	0.44

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.

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