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Field Crops Report

As of March 3, **alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 43 percent not being harvested, 19 percent light, 17 percent moderate and 21 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 14 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 49 percent good, and 13 percent excellent. **Alfalfa** sheeping off was reported as light.

Small Grains emergence is virtually complete, while heading is just getting underway. As of March 3, 3 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 2 percent of **Winter Wheat**, 3 percent of **Barley**, and 3 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as headed.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 8 percent very poor, 24 percent poor, 48 percent fair, and 20 percent good. **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.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

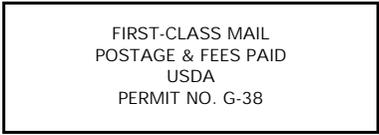
Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, green onions, head lettuce, mixed greens, romaine and spinach.

Western Arizona producers shipped anise, bok choy, broccoflower, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, endive, escarole, kale, mixed greens, napa, parsley, 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.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for most of the State were slightly above average for the week ending March 2. Temperatures ranged from 5 degrees below normal at Canyon de Chelly, to 5 degrees above normal at Phoenix and Willcox. The highest temperature of the week was 85 degrees at Gila Bend and Parker, while the lowest reading was 7 degrees at Flagstaff. No precipitation was reported at any of the 17 reporting stations.



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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 24 TO MARCH 2, 2002**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	40	-5	63	9	0.00	0.06	1.38
Casa Grande	57	1	81	34	0.00	0.16	1.48
Coolidge	56	4	83	37	0.00	0.04	1.63
Douglas	50	3	78	29	0.00	1.33	1.29
Flagstaff	33	0	61	7	0.00	0.09	4.29
Gila Bend	60	1	85	33	0.00	0.05	1.25
Grand Canyon	32	3	61	8	0.00	0.10	2.79
Kingman	48	0	73	22	0.00	0.04	1.87
Parker	60	4	85	44	0.00	0.00	1.08
Payson	43	2	70	24	0.00	0.33	4.08
Phoenix	59	5	82	44	0.00	0.05	1.41
Prescott Airport	43	1	67	19	0.00	0.00	1.85
Safford Ag Center	49	3	79	26	0.00	0.09	1.37
Tucson	56	3	80	32	0.00	0.61	1.63
Willcox	47	5	78	26	0.00	0.80	1.70
Winslow	42	-4	69	12	0.00	0.03	1.01
Yuma	62	4	84	45	0.00	0.00	0.59

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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