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### **Field Crops Report**

As of March 24, **alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 48 percent not being harvested, 13 percent light, 17 percent moderate, and 22 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 3 percent very poor, 15 percent poor, 19 percent fair, 46 percent good, and 17 percent excellent. **Alfalfa** sheeping off was reported as none to light.

As of March 24, 16 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 13 percent of **Winter Wheat**, 17 percent of **Barley**, and 15 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as headed.

### **Livestock, Range and Pasture Report**

**Range and Pasture** conditions were reported as 26 percent very poor, 44 percent poor, 25 percent fair and 5 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**

Producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, head lettuce, mixed greens, romaine and spinach last week.

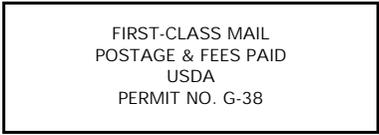
Western Arizona producers shipped anise, bok choy, broccoflower, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, endive, escarole, kale, mixed greens, napa, parsley, radicchio, salad savoy and spinach last week. Western lettuce shipments included boston, iceberg, leaf, and romaine.

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

### **Weather Summary**

Temperatures for most of the State were above average for the week ending March 23. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees below normal at Winslow, to 5 degrees above normal at Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 95 degrees at Gila Bend, while the lowest reading was 14 degrees at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 5 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.01 inches at Douglas and Tucson to 0.42 inches at Grand Canyon.

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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA  
 FOR THE WEEK MARCH 17 TO MARCH 23, 2002**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	43	2	77	17	0.00	0.06	1.90
Casa Grande	61	-1	92	32	0.00	0.34	2.11
Coolidge	58	3	94	33	0.00	0.23	2.33
Douglas	54	1	83	28	0.01	1.34	1.57
Flagstaff	36	2	68	16	0.23	0.37	6.09
Gila Bend	64	-1	95	39	0.00	0.08	1.67
Grand Canyon	35	3	68	14	0.42	1.01	4.05
Kingman	52	2	83	29	0.00	0.13	2.65
Parker	64	0	92	45	0.20	0.20	1.46
Payson	47	2	74	27	0.00	0.39	5.72
Phoenix	62	5	93	47	0.00	0.13	2.04
Prescott Airport	45	2	76	23	0.00	0.00	2.47
Safford Ag Center	54	3	85	28	0.00	0.16	1.77
Tucson	59	1	88	34	0.01	0.68	2.13
Willcox	52	1	80	27	0.00	0.82	2.12
Winslow	46	-2	77	17	0.00	0.04	1.43
Yuma	65	-1	89	45	0.00	0.00	0.78

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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