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### Field Crops Report

As of April 14, **alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 47 percent not being harvested, 7 percent light, 24 percent moderate, and 22 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 14 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 29 percent good, and 33 percent excellent. **Alfalfa** sheeping off was reported as none to light.

**Cotton** was reported as 37 percent planted, compared with 34 percent last year and 32 percent for the five year average.

As of April 14, 64 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 55 percent of **Winter Wheat**, 58 percent of **Barley**, and 60 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as headed.

### Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, green onions, 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, spinach and swiss chard last week. Western lettuce shipments included boston, iceberg, leaf, romaine and spring mix.

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

### Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

**Range and Pasture** conditions were reported as 20 percent very poor, 51 percent poor, and 29 percent fair. **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 March, ranges and pastures in Arizona remained in poor to fair condition. Many ranchers have reported very dry conditions, even going as far as to call this "the driest winter ever". Rain will be needed soon to produce adequate spring feed. 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 fair during the month of March, worsening slightly. Most ranchers reported cold and very dry conditions continuing throughout the month of March with almost no moisture. High level elevation remained in poor to fair condition. Mid level elevations remained constant, ranging from poor to fair condition. Low level elevations ranged from poor to fair 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, no precipitation, dry stock tanks and supplemental feeding. Range and pasture conditions were reported as poor to fair at high level elevations, worsening when compared with last month. Mid level and low level elevations were also reported in poor to fair condition. Livestock conditions were reported as poor to fair, worsening slightly. Stock water supplies were reported as short to adequate, while soil moisture was reported as short. Insect damage was reported as none to light.

Southern pastures were reported in fair condition overall, declining slightly when compared with last month. Ranchers continued to report very dry, cold conditions, little tank water, very little rain and supplemental feeding. Conditions were fair to good at high level elevation, remaining constant when compared with last month. Mid level and low level conditions ranged from very poor to fair, worsening slightly when compared with last month. Livestock condition was reported as poor to 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 the entire State were well above average for the week ending April 13. Temperatures ranged from 5 degrees above normal at Douglas, Payson, and Yuma, to 11 degrees above normal at Kingman. The highest temperature of the week was 99 degrees at Coolidge, Gila Bend, and Phoenix, while the lowest reading was 29 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 5 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.01 inches at Prescott to 0.14 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 APRIL 7 TO APRIL 13, 2002**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	50	9	79	37	0.07	0.32	0.98
Casa Grande	66	6	97	50	0.07	0.46	0.99
Coolidge	64	10	99	52	0.00	0.23	1.12
Douglas	60	5	89	36	0.00	1.33	0.98
Flagstaff	41	6	68	29	0.00	0.92	2.95
Gila Bend	69	6	99	54	0.00	0.08	0.91
Grand Canyon	41	10	74	30	0.14	0.93	1.94
Kingman	56	11	88	42	0.00	0.19	1.31
Parker	69	7	95	55	0.00	0.00	0.80
Payson	52	5	85	34	0.00	0.82	2.87
Phoenix	68	9	99	57	0.00	0.19	0.93
Prescott Airport	50	8	80	39	0.01	0.63	1.38
Safford Ag Center	61	6	92	44	0.00	0.21	0.99
Tucson	65	6	94	51	0.00	0.67	1.14
Willcox	57	6	87	40	0.00	0.86	1.28
Winslow	52	7	81	38	0.09	0.89	0.67
Yuma	70	5	95	52	0.00	0.00	0.48

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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