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### Field Crops Report

As of May 12, **alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 41 percent not being harvested, 7 percent light, 19 percent moderate, and 33 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 8 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 34 percent good, and 35 percent excellent.

**Cotton** was reported as 92 percent planted, compared with 90 percent last year and 89 percent for the five-year average.

As of May 12, 32 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 32 percent of **Winter Wheat**, 34 percent of **Barley**, and 33 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as mature.

### Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

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

Western Arizona producers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, mixed greens, salad savoy and swiss chard last week. Western lettuce shipments included boston, iceberg, leaf and romaine.

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

### Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

**Range and Pasture** conditions were reported as 25 percent very poor, 45 percent poor, 26 percent fair, and 4 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.

During April, ranges and pastures in Arizona ranged from very poor to fair condition, worsening when compared to last month. Lack of precipitation throughout the state has left ranges and pastures with little green growth. Arizona livestock were in poor to fair condition, worsening when compared with last month. Stock water supplies throughout the state were short to adequate, also worsening when compared with last month. Soil moisture remained short. Insect damage was reported as none to very light.

Northern grazing conditions ranged from very poor to fair during the month of April, worsening slightly. Most ranchers reported very dry and windy conditions, with almost no moisture continuing throughout the month of April. Ranchers are reporting dwindling hay stocks and a lack of green feed. High level and mid level elevations were in very poor to fair condition, both worsening when compared to last month. Low level elevations ranged from very poor to poor 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.

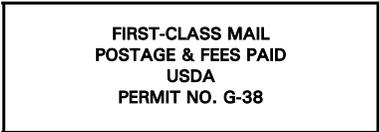
Overall, Central pasture conditions were reported as very poor to poor, worsening when compared to last month. Most ranchers continued reporting very dry conditions, no precipitation, dry stock tanks, and supplemental feeding for the third month in a row. Range and pasture conditions were reported as very poor to poor at high level elevations, worsening considerably when compared with last month. Mid level elevations ranged from very poor to fair condition, while low level ranged all the way from very poor to good 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.

Southern pastures were reported in poor to fair condition, declining when compared with last month. Ranchers continued to report very dry, warm, and windy conditions with little tank water, very little rain and supplemental feeding. Conditions were poor to fair at high level elevations, declining when compared with last month. Mid level conditions ranged from poor to fair, while low level elevations were reported in poor condition. Livestock conditions were 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 most of the State were above average for the week ending May 11. Temperatures ranged from normal at Casa Grande and Gila Bend, to 5 degrees above normal at Canyon De Chelly. The highest temperature of the week was 98 degrees at Coolidge, while the lowest reading was 26 degrees at Grand Canyon. 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 MAY 5 TO MAY 11, 2002**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	57	5	83	36	0.00	0.37	2.80
Casa Grande	74	0	97	51	0.00	0.47	2.66
Coolidge	72	3	98	53	0.00	0.24	2.97
Douglas	66	1	93	38	0.00	1.33	1.95
Flagstaff	48	3	71	27	0.00	0.99	8.51
Gila Bend	77	0	96	57	0.00	0.08	2.11
Grand Canyon	49	3	75	26	0.00	0.94	5.78
Kingman	65	2	86	44	0.00	0.19	3.58
Parker	77	2	96	59	0.00	0.00	1.77
Payson	58	1	80	38	0.00	0.85	7.57
Phoenix	76	4	96	64	0.00	0.19	2.50
Prescott Airport	57	3	79	41	0.00	0.75	3.35
Safford Ag Center	67	3	96	43	0.00	0.21	2.14
Tucson	72	2	96	50	0.00	0.67	2.70
Willcox	63	2	91	38	0.00	0.86	2.60
Winslow	60	1	83	37	0.00	0.90	1.89
Yuma	77	1	96	61	0.00	0.00	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.

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