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Field Crops Report

As of February 16, **alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 54 percent not being harvested, 17 percent light, 17 percent moderate, and 12 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 1 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 22 percent excellent. Sheep continue to graze on alfalfa fields for winter pasture.

Small Grains planting is complete, while emergence is well underway. There was 86 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 86 percent of **Barley**, 83 percent of **Winter Wheat**, and 85 percent of **Other Small Grains** reported as emerged.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 38 percent very poor, 41 percent poor, 19 percent fair and 2 percent good. **Livestock** were reported to be in fair condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as none to light.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, green onions, head lettuce, mixed greens, leaf lettuce, napa, parsley, romaine and spinach. Producers in western Arizona shipped anise, bok choy, broccoflower, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, endive, escarole, kale, mixed greens, napa, parsley, rapini and spinach. Western lettuce shipments included boston, iceberg, leaf and romaine.

Citrus producers in central and western Arizona shipped grapefruit, lemons, navels and tangerines last week.

Weather Summary

Temperatures were near normal for the entire State for the week ending February 15. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees below normal at Parker and Yuma, to 3 degrees above normal at Flagstaff, Prescott, and Willcox. The highest temperature of the week was 74 degrees at Gila Bend, while the lowest reading was 1 degree at Winslow. Much needed precipitation was reported at all of the 17 reporting stations, ranging from a low of 0.11 to a high of 2.64 inches.



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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 9 TO FEBRUARY 15, 2003**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	37	1	55	13	0.29	0.48	1.19
Casa Grande	56	-1	68	28	1.13	1.16	1.21
Coolidge	55	0	71	28	1.28	1.33	1.34
Douglas	49	2	68	24	0.11	0.42	1.13
Flagstaff	32	3	50	9	1.97	2.15	3.50
Gila Bend	59	0	74	32	1.27	2.64	1.01
Grand Canyon	33	1	50	7	0.66	1.28	2.40
Kingman	46	1	63	18	1.04	1.10	1.77
Parker	58	-2	71	32	0.90	1.30	1.18
Payson	42	1	57	19	2.64	3.47	3.53
Phoenix	58	1	72	41	1.77	2.34	1.21
Prescott Airport	40	3	59	17	1.55	2.22	1.78
Safford Ag Center	48	2	66	24	0.38	0.76	1.13
Tucson	56	0	70	32	0.74	0.82	1.47
Willcox	47	3	67	20	0.40	0.64	1.61
Winslow	39	-1	56	1	0.34	0.58	0.73
Yuma	61	-2	72	41	0.62	0.65	0.53

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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