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Field Crops Report

As of February 23, **alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 53 percent not being harvested, 17 percent light, 17 percent moderate, and 13 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 1 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 47 percent good, and 23 percent excellent. Sheep continue to graze on alfalfa fields for winter pasture.

Small Grains emergence is virtually complete, while heading is just getting underway. There was 88 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 90 percent of **Barley**, 85 percent of **Winter Wheat**, and 87 percent of **Other Small Grains** reported as emerged.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 41 percent very poor, 37 percent poor, 18 percent fair and 4 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, 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 22. Temperatures ranged from 1 degree above normal at Casa Grande and Tucson, to 6 degrees above normal at Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 82 degrees at Parker, while the lowest reading was 19 degrees at Flagstaff. Much needed precipitation was reported at 7 of the 17 reporting stations, ranging from a low of 0.04 to a high of 0.38 inches.



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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 16 TO FEBRUARY 22, 2003**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	39	3	59	23	0.13	0.61	1.33
Casa Grande	57	1	74	38	0.00	1.16	1.42
Coolidge	56	2	76	39	0.00	1.33	1.62
Douglas	50	2	75	29	0.26	0.68	1.27
Flagstaff	33	5	53	19	0.00	2.15	4.20
Gila Bend	60	2	78	41	0.00	2.64	1.29
Grand Canyon	34	4	55	20	0.11	1.39	2.83
Kingman	48	4	66	33	0.00	1.10	2.05
Parker	60	4	82	46	0.00	1.30	1.39
Payson	43	3	62	26	0.00	3.47	4.13
Phoenix	58	4	75	48	0.00	2.34	1.42
Prescott Airport	41	6	61	27	0.00	2.22	2.13
Safford Ag Center	50	3	70	32	0.04	0.80	1.34
Tucson	56	1	76	37	0.04	0.86	1.69
Willcox	48	2	74	30	0.38	1.02	1.88
Winslow	41	4	64	23	0.04	0.62	0.87
Yuma	62	3	79	51	0.00	0.65	0.60

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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