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Field Crops Report

As of March 3, **alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 53 percent not being harvested, 18 percent light, 15 percent moderate, and 14 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 25 percent fair, 52 percent good, and 23 percent excellent. Sheep continue to graze on alfalfa fields for winter pasture.

Small Grains emergence is near completion, while heading is just getting underway. There was 91 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 91 percent of **Barley**, 88 percent of **Winter Wheat**, and 89 percent of **Other Small Grains** reported as emerged.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 31 percent very poor, 41 percent poor, 21 percent fair and 7 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, 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 for the entire State were below average for the week ending March 1. Temperatures ranged from 6 degrees below normal at Payson, to 1 degree below normal at Coolidge, Phoenix, and Winslow. The highest temperature of the week was 76 degrees at Yuma, while the lowest reading was 17 degrees at Flagstaff and Grand Canyon. Much needed precipitation was reported at all of the 17 reporting stations, ranging from a low of 0.13 to a high of 4.60 inches.

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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 23 TO MARCH 1, 2003**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	41	-2	53	20	0.98	1.59	1.47
Casa Grande	58	-3	74	36	0.74	1.90	1.63
Coolidge	57	-1	74	37	0.65	1.98	1.90
Douglas	51	-2	67	31	0.36	1.04	1.41
Flagstaff	34	-3	49	17	0.89	3.04	4.73
Gila Bend	61	-3	75	41	0.79	3.43	1.52
Grand Canyon	36	-2	50	17	1.67	3.06	3.32
Kingman	49	-3	63	32	0.68	1.78	2.38
Parker	61	-2	74	45	0.53	1.83	1.60
Payson	44	-6	57	24	4.60	8.07	4.76
Phoenix	59	-1	73	45	1.38	3.72	1.63
Prescott Airport	42	-3	57	27	1.50	3.72	2.48
Safford Ag Center	51	-2	67	31	0.26	1.06	1.55
Tucson	57	-3	71	37	0.25	1.11	1.90
Willcox	50	-2	66	31	0.44	1.46	2.09
Winslow	43	-1	61	22	0.13	0.75	1.01
Yuma	63	-3	76	47	0.30	0.95	0.67

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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