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Field Crops Report

As of March 24, **alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 51 percent not being harvested, 20 percent light, 11 percent moderate, and 18 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 13 percent fair, 63 percent good, and 24 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 100 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 95 percent of **Barley**, 94 percent of **Winter Wheat**, and 94 percent of **Other Small Grains** reported as emerged.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 24 percent very poor, 29 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 24 percent good and 3 percent excellent. **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, 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, tangerines and valencias last week.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the entire State were below average for the week ending March 22. Temperatures ranged from 4 degrees below normal at Payson, to 1 degree below normal at Canyon de Chelly, Flagstaff, Grand Canyon, Phoenix, Prescott, Winslow, and Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 83 degrees at Gila Bend and Yuma, while the lowest reading was 22 degrees at Grand Canyon. Much needed precipitation was reported at 15 of the 17 reporting stations, ranging from a low of 0.18 to a high of 1.57 inches.

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

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

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	45	-1	62	28	0.52	2.11	1.92
Casa Grande	61	-2	82	41	0.28	2.30	2.32
Coolidge	61	-3	82	40	0.18	2.17	2.74
Douglas	54	-3	72	31	0.23	1.27	1.76
Flagstaff	37	-1	58	23	0.65	4.05	6.62
Gila Bend	64	-3	83	45	0.60	4.33	2.03
Grand Canyon	38	-1	60	22	1.57	5.84	4.70
Kingman	51	-2	72	34	0.33	2.52	3.36
Parker	64	-3	78	46	0.00	1.83	2.04
Payson	47	-4	66	29	1.39	9.58	6.63
Phoenix	62	-1	80	45	0.51	4.23	2.43
Prescott Airport	45	-1	67	32	0.47	4.75	3.38
Safford Ag Center	55	-3	74	33	0.25	1.42	2.01
Tucson	60	-3	77	43	0.29	1.61	2.50
Willcox	53	-3	72	30	0.65	2.14	2.56
Winslow	47	-1	67	26	0.00	0.82	1.43
Yuma	66	-1	83	50	0.23	1.18	0.88

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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