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Field Crops Report

As of March 30, **alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 48 percent not being harvested, 20 percent light, 11 percent moderate, and 21 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 10 percent fair, 64 percent good, and 26 percent excellent. Sheep continue to graze on alfalfa fields for winter pasture.

Small Grains emergence is near completion. There was 100 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 97 percent of **Barley**, 97 percent of **Winter Wheat**, and 97 percent of **Other Small Grains** reported as emerged.

There was 18 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 0 percent of **Barley**, 25 percent of **Winter Wheat**, and 23 percent of **Other Small Grains** reported as headed.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 19 percent very poor, 29 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 24 percent good and 2 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

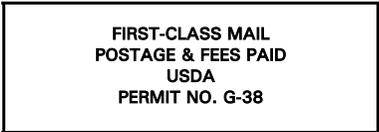
Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, green onions, head lettuce, mixed greens, leaf lettuce, parsley, romaine and spinach. Producers in western Arizona shipped anise, bok choy, broccoflower, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, endive, escarole, 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 above average for the week ending March 29. Temperatures ranged from 1 degree below normal at Canyon De Chelly, to 5 degrees above normal at Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 91 degrees at Parker, while the lowest reading was 17 degrees at Canyon De Chelly. Precipitation was reported at 2 of the 17 reporting stations, ranging from a low of 0.02 to a high of 0.17 inches.

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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK MARCH 23 TO MARCH 29, 2003**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	47	-1	73	26	0.17	2.28	2.13
Casa Grande	63	1	87	45	0.00	2.30	2.53
Coolidge	62	3	88	44	0.00	2.17	3.00
Douglas	55	3	85	32	0.00	1.27	1.83
Flagstaff	38	3	63	25	0.00	4.05	7.20
Gila Bend	66	1	90	47	0.00	4.33	2.17
Grand Canyon	39	2	66	17	0.00	5.84	5.10
Kingman	52	2	75	30	0.00	2.52	3.58
Parker	66	3	91	52	0.00	1.83	2.18
Payson	48	1	71	31	0.00	9.58	7.19
Phoenix	64	5	87	55	0.00	4.23	2.63
Prescott Airport	46	3	71	26	0.00	4.75	3.60
Safford Ag Center	56	3	82	37	0.00	1.42	2.11
Tucson	61	3	86	47	0.00	1.61	2.64
Willcox	54	0	80	34	0.00	2.14	2.70
Winslow	48	0	76	20	0.02	0.84	1.57
Yuma	68	3	90	55	0.00	1.18	0.93

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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