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### Field Crops Report

As of April 6, **alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 42 percent not being harvested, 10 percent light, 10 percent moderate, and 38 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 21 percent fair, 51 percent good, and 28 percent excellent. Sheep continue to graze on alfalfa fields.

**Cotton** was reported as 7 percent being planted.

**Small Grains** emergence is near completion. There was 38 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 29 percent of **Barley**, 26 percent of **Winter Wheat**, and 27 percent of **Other Small Grains** reported as headed.

### Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

**Range and Pasture** conditions were reported as 20 percent very poor, 39 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 9 percent good and 4 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 all stations were within 2 degrees above or below normal for the week ending April 5. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees below normal at Winslow and Yuma, to 2 degrees above normal at Phoenix and Safford. The highest temperature of the week was 95 degrees at Coolidge, while the lowest reading was 15 degrees at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 2 of the 17 reporting stations, ranging from a low of 0.01 to a high of 0.02 inches.

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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA  
 FOR THE WEEK MARCH 30 TO APRIL 5, 2003**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	48	0	76	23	0.00	2.28	2.28
Casa Grande	64	-1	93	40	0.00	2.30	2.64
Coolidge	64	-1	95	38	0.00	2.17	3.15
Douglas	57	1	84	30	0.00	1.27	1.90
Flagstaff	40	-1	63	17	0.01	4.06	7.70
Gila Bend	67	-1	92	44	0.00	4.33	2.31
Grand Canyon	41	0	68	15	0.02	5.86	5.44
Kingman	54	0	78	33	0.00	2.52	3.76
Parker	67	0	90	45	0.00	1.83	2.28
Payson	49	-1	71	26	0.00	9.58	7.68
Phoenix	66	2	93	50	0.00	4.23	2.77
Prescott Airport	48	0	73	28	0.00	4.75	3.77
Safford Ag Center	58	2	88	34	0.00	1.42	2.18
Tucson	63	1	90	41	0.00	1.61	2.76
Willcox	55	-1	82	32	0.00	2.14	2.79
Winslow	50	-2	76	18	0.00	0.84	1.65
Yuma	69	-2	90	46	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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