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Field Crops Report

As of April 14, **alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 45 percent not being harvested, 10 percent light, 3 percent moderate, and 42 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 20 percent fair, 50 percent good, and 30 percent excellent. Sheep continue to graze on alfalfa fields.

Cotton was reported as 17 percent being planted.

Small Grains

There was 50 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 35 percent of **Barley**, 30 percent of **Winter Wheat**, and 28 percent of **Other Small Grains** reported as headed.

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.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 20 percent very poor, 41 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 6 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.

During March, a couple of good storms improved ranges and pastures in Arizona which were in mostly fair condition. Arizona livestock were in fair condition. Stock water supplies were short to adequate and soil moisture throughout the state was reported as short to adequate. Insect damage was reported as none to light.

Northern grazing conditions were mostly fair during the month of March, about the same as last month. Most ranchers reported that March storms and fair temperatures have improved grass growth on the ranges. Moisture is decent, but the deficit has not been made up yet. High, mid, and low level elevations were all reported in mostly fair conditions, improving from last month. Livestock were reported to be in fair condition, with some supplemental feeding occurring. Stock water supplies were reported as short to adequate and soil moisture was reported as short. Insect damage was reported as none to light.

Overall, Central pasture conditions were reported as mostly fair to good, improving from last month. Ranchers have reported that cattle are picking up weight on much improved spring feed conditions. Range and pasture conditions were reported as fair to good at high level, mostly good at mid level, and mostly fair at low level elevations. Livestock conditions were reported as fair to good. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were reported as adequate. Insect damage was reported as none to light.

Southern pastures varied from poor to good condition. Ranchers reported less moisture than the rest of the state. Things are looking better, but more rain is needed. Calf crops are lower than normal for this time of year. Conditions were fair to good at high and mid level elevations. Low level elevations were reported in poor to fair condition. Livestock conditions were reported as fair. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were reported as short to adequate. Insect damage was reported as none.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the majority of stations were above normal for the week ending April 12. Temperatures ranged from 1 degree below normal at Canyon De Chelly and Winslow, to 3 degrees above normal at Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 97 degrees at Parker, while the lowest reading was 12 degrees at Flagstaff. No precipitation was reported at any of the 17 reporting stations.

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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK APRIL 6 TO APRIL 12, 2003**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	50	-1	79	24	0.00	2.28	2.42
Casa Grande	66	0	94	37	0.00	2.30	2.71
Coolidge	65	1	94	36	0.00	2.17	3.22
Douglas	58	1	84	32	0.00	1.27	1.97
Flagstaff	41	0	65	12	0.00	4.06	8.07
Gila Bend	69	1	96	42	0.00	4.33	2.38
Grand Canyon	42	2	68	13	0.00	5.86	5.72
Kingman	56	2	82	27	0.00	2.52	3.90
Parker	69	2	97	43	0.00	1.83	2.35
Payson	51	1	75	22	0.00	9.58	8.04
Phoenix	68	3	92	48	0.00	4.23	2.85
Prescott Airport	49	2	73	24	0.00	4.75	3.91
Safford Ag Center	59	1	86	33	0.00	1.42	2.25
Tucson	64	2	89	40	0.00	1.61	2.83
Willcox	57	0	85	31	0.00	2.14	2.86
Winslow	51	-1	79	19	0.00	0.84	1.72
Yuma	70	1	91	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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