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Field Crops Report

As of May 4, **alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 28 percent not being harvested, 14 percent light, 17 percent moderate, and 41 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 3 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 40 percent good, and 37 percent excellent.

Cotton was reported as 65 percent being planted, compared with 82 percent last year and 74 percent for the five-year average.

Small Grains

There was 82 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 84 percent of **Barley**, 84 percent of **Winter Wheat**, and 67 percent of **Other Small Grains** reported as headed. There was 5 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 25 percent of **Barley**, 5 percent of **Winter Wheat**, and 5 percent of **Other Small Grains** reported as mature.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 14 percent very poor, 31 percent poor, 36 percent fair, 14 percent good and 5 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 carrots. Producers in western Arizona shipped cabbage, mixed greens and romaine lettuce.

Citrus producers in central and western Arizona shipped grapefruit, lemons, valencia oranges and tangerines last week.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were near average for the week ending May 3. Temperatures ranged from 4 degrees below normal at Parker, to 3 degrees above normal at Canyon De Chelly, Douglas and Willcox. The highest temperature of the week was 94 degrees at Casa Grande, Coolidge, and Gila Bend, while the lowest reading was 20 degrees at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 5 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.03 inches at Kingman and Prescott to 0.21 inches at Grand Canyon.

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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK APRIL 27 TO MAY 3, 2003**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	56	3	79	37	0.00	2.28	2.81
Casa Grande	72	-1	94	45	0.00	2.38	2.87
Coolidge	72	-1	94	45	0.00	2.35	3.43
Douglas	64	3	87	41	0.00	1.27	2.05
Flagstaff	47	-2	64	26	0.05	4.54	8.74
Gila Bend	75	-1	94	52	0.00	4.89	2.41
Grand Canyon	48	-2	68	20	0.21	6.97	6.34
Kingman	62	0	81	42	0.03	3.15	4.14
Parker	75	-4	88	53	0.00	1.83	2.39
Payson	56	-2	73	32	0.00	9.93	8.56
Phoenix	74	2	93	59	0.00	4.40	2.92
Prescott Airport	55	0	73	37	0.03	5.02	4.19
Safford Ag Center	66	2	89	42	0.00	1.50	2.35
Tucson	70	2	91	51	0.00	1.65	2.98
Willcox	62	3	87	41	0.00	2.14	3.02
Winslow	58	-2	79	34	0.04	0.98	1.89
Yuma	75	-2	89	56	0.00	1.18	1.05

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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