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Field Crops Report

As of May 25, **alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 45 percent not being harvested, 7 percent light, 14 percent moderate, and 34 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 2 percent poor, 12 percent fair, 30 percent good, and 56 percent excellent.

Cotton was reported as 86 percent being planted, compared with 98 percent last year and 97 percent for the five-year average.

Small Grains

Small grain development remains well behind normal. There was 31 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 55 percent of **Barley**, 20 percent of **Winter Wheat**, and 22 percent of **Other Small Grains** reported as mature.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 18 percent very poor, 35 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 11 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 cantaloups and carrots. Producers in western Arizona shipped cantaloups, honeydews and watermelons.

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

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were above average for the week ending May 24. Temperatures ranged from 5 degrees above normal at Casa Grande and Gila Bend, to 10 degrees above normal at Phoenix and Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 109 degrees at Parker, while the lowest reading was 35 degrees at Flagstaff. No precipitation was reported at any of the reporting stations.



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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK MAY 18 TO MAY 24, 2003**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	62	9	95	46	0.00	2.28	3.19
Casa Grande	78	5	105	56	0.00	2.38	3.05
Coolidge	77	8	105	58	0.00	2.35	3.61
Douglas	70	6	98	53	0.00	1.27	2.26
Flagstaff	52	7	80	35	0.00	4.54	9.31
Gila Bend	81	6	108	65	0.00	4.89	2.56
Grand Canyon	53	9	86	37	0.00	6.97	6.76
Kingman	68	8	99	53	0.00	3.15	4.35
Parker	81	6	109	66	0.00	1.83	2.48
Payson	62	6	89	42	0.00	9.93	9.02
Phoenix	80	10	107	71	0.00	4.40	3.08
Prescott Airport	60	10	89	47	0.00	5.02	4.53
Safford Ag Center	71	8	101	56	0.00	1.50	2.55
Tucson	76	8	101	62	0.00	1.65	3.19
Willcox	68	6	99	51	0.00	2.14	3.27
Winslow	63	7	94	46	0.00	0.98	2.16
Yuma	81	6	107	69	0.00	1.18	1.07

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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