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### Field Crops Report

As of February 29, **alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 73 percent not being harvested, 5 percent light, 14 percent moderate and 8 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 2 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 47 percent good and 33 percent excellent. Sheep continue to graze on alfalfa fields for winter pasture.

**Small Grains** emergence is complete, while heading is just getting underway.

### Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

**Range and Pasture** conditions were reported as 39 percent very poor, 19 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 22 percent good and 2 percent excellent. **Livestock** were reported to be in fair to good condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short to adequate. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as none to light.

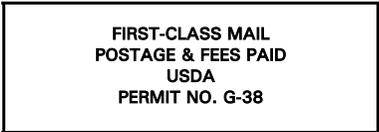
### Herbs, Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, chinese cabbage, mixed greens, parsley and spinach. Western Arizona producers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, head lettuce, leaf lettuce, mixed greens, parsley, romaine lettuce, spinach and spring mix last week.

Citrus producers harvested grapefruit, lemons, minneolas, navels, fairchilds and tangerines in central and western Arizona last week.

### Weather Summary

Temperatures for most of the State were below normal for the week ending February 28. Temperatures ranged from 6 degrees below normal at Safford, to 1 degree above normal at Canyon de Chelly. The highest temperature of the week was 77 degrees at Gila Bend and Tucson, while the lowest reading was 18 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 16 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.15 inches at Yuma to 1.45 inches at Kingman.



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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA  
 FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 22 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2004**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	41	1	61	28	0.29	1.06	1.45
Casa Grande	58	-5	76	39	0.97	1.95	1.60
Coolidge	57	-3	76	40	1.03	2.27	1.86
Douglas	51	-4	71	29	0.50	0.98	1.39
Flagstaff	34	-3	46	18	0.70	1.82	4.74
Gila Bend	61	-4	77	42	0.86	1.46	1.49
Grand Canyon	35	-2	50	22	1.45	3.06	3.25
Kingman	49	-4	57	32	0.54	1.02	2.33
Parker	61	-3	71	45	0.59	0.72	1.57
Payson	44	-3	58	27	1.01	2.12	4.67
Phoenix	61	-4	73	44	0.99	1.84	1.60
Prescott Airport	42	-3	57	22	0.61	1.63	2.43
Safford Ag Center	51	-6	72	29	0.33	1.13	1.52
Tucson	57	-4	77	38	0.32	1.25	1.87
Willcox	49	-2	69	27	0.37	1.68	2.06
Winslow	43	-1	65	20	0.00	0.39	0.99
Yuma	63	-4	74	44	0.15	0.53	0.66

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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