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Field Crops Report

As of March 14, **alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 74 percent not being harvested, 7 percent light, 11 percent moderate and 8 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 2 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 44 percent good and 37 percent excellent. Sheep continue to graze on alfalfa fields for winter pasture.

Small Grains emergence is complete, while heading is just getting underway. There was 5 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 0 percent of **Winter Wheat**, 13 percent of **Barley** and 20 percent of **Other Small Grains** reported as headed.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 38 percent very poor, 19 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 22 percent good and 3 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, carrots, chinese cabbage, head lettuce, mixed greens, parsley, romaine lettuce 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 above normal for the week ending March 13. Temperatures ranged from 12 degrees above normal at Gila Bend and Parker, to 6 degrees above normal at Canyon De Chelly, Douglas and Willcox. The highest temperature of the week was 96 degrees at Gila Bend, while the lowest reading was 24 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 9 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.01 inches at Casa Grande, to 1.02 inches at Douglas.

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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK MARCH 7 TO MARCH 13, 2004**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	44	6	73	27	0.00	1.22	1.71
Casa Grande	60	9	92	44	0.01	2.50	2.00
Coolidge	59	11	93	44	0.00	3.09	2.38
Douglas	53	6	83	36	1.02	2.44	1.65
Flagstaff	36	9	65	24	0.11	2.57	5.81
Gila Bend	63	12	96	51	0.00	1.75	1.85
Grand Canyon	37	11	65	28	0.00	3.32	4.16
Kingman	51	10	82	42	0.00	1.06	2.98
Parker	63	12	95	50	0.00	0.85	1.86
Payson	46	10	76	36	0.58	3.14	5.84
Phoenix	64	9	92	53	0.09	3.12	2.10
Prescott Airport	44	11	77	33	0.21	1.87	3.02
Safford Ag Center	54	7	82	37	0.06	3.07	1.83
Tucson	59	9	88	44	0.27	2.11	2.26
Willcox	52	6	81	36	0.25	2.89	2.38
Winslow	45	8	76	27	0.00	0.60	1.25
Yuma	65	11	94	54	0.00	0.92	0.79

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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