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Field Crops

Durum wheat and barley emergence has occurred on over three-quarters of the acreage. Alfalfa harvest was active on over a third of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition remains mostly good. Cotton planting is underway in the Yuma area. Range and pasture conditions across the State are mostly fair to good.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, greens, miscellaneous herbs, and various citrus.

Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, endive, escarole, frisee, greens, kale, mache, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, miscellaneous herbs, green onions, parsley, spinach, Swiss chard, and various citrus last week. Lettuce shipments included Boston, green leaf, red leaf, iceberg, and romaine.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	4	30	42	24
Range and Pasture	10	23	36	29	2

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Durum Wheat				
• Emerged	85	65	88	94
Barley				
• Emerged	90	70	78	93

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly below normal in the State for the week ending February 25. Temperatures ranged from 6 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon to 6 degrees below normal at Paloma. The highest temperature of the week was 81 degrees at Marana and Roll, and the lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon

at 4 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 18 of the 22 reporting stations. Buckeye received the most precipitation at 0.59 inches and St. Johns received the least at 0.01 inches. Douglas, Safford, and Winslow are the only stations currently above normal for precipitation.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
 February 19 - February 25, 2007**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	50	-4	71	29	0.39	0.96	-1.51	39
Buckeye	53	-4	76	32	0.59	0.83	-0.43	66
Canyon De Chelly	41	3	61	20	0.07	0.92	-0.31	75
Coolidge	52	-5	78	27	0.24	0.64	-0.98	40
Douglas	48	-2	75	19	0.03	1.28	0.06	105
Flagstaff	33	2	52	9	0.21	2.12	-1.77	54
Grand Canyon	34	6	56	4	0.11	1.13	-3.24	26
Kingman	46	-2	68	25	0.18	0.39	-1.28	23
Marana	54	-3	81	31	0.00	0.47	-1.75	21
Maricopa	54	-3	79	30	0.14	0.53	-0.92	37
Paloma	53	-6	78	30	0.06	0.19	-1.29	13
Parker	55	-4	75	30	0.04	0.04	-1.38	3
Payson	40	-3	64	19	0.10	2.04	-1.64	55
Phoenix	58	-2	77	42	0.31	0.89	-0.37	71
Prescott	41	2	62	21	0.36	1.04	-1.85	36
Roll	56	-2	81	30	0.00	0.01	-0.56	2
Safford	49	0	72	25	0.03	1.95	0.68	154
St. Johns	43	3	72	17	0.01	0.57	-0.60	49
Tucson	55	-1	79	32	0.00	0.75	-0.73	51
Willcox	46	-1	75	20	0.05	1.23	-0.37	77
Winslow	42	1	68	20	0.12	1.12	0.21	123
Yuma	56	-5	76	35	0.00	0.00	-0.55	0

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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