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Field Crops

Durum wheat and barley emergence has occurred on virtually all of the acreage, although there are some unusually late seedings still underway. Melon crop thinning, planting, or field preparation for planting is underway in various localities. Alfalfa harvest was active on over a third of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition remains mostly good. Cotton planting is in its second week 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, parsley, 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, radicchio, 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	19	43	34
Range and Pasture	10	24	36	28	2

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Durum Wheat				
• Emerged	95	85	91	96
Barley				
• Emerged	95	90	89	96

Weather Summary

Temperatures were below normal in the State for the week ending March 4. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees below normal at Grand Canyon to 9 degrees below normal at Paloma. The highest temperature of the week was 78 degrees at Marana, and the lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon at -2 degrees.

Precipitation was reported at 2 of the 22 reporting stations. Flagstaff received the 0.04 inches of precipitation and Grand Canyon received 0.03 inches. Safford and Winslow are the only stations currently above normal for precipitation. Yuma has received no precipitation for the year to date.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
 February 26 - March 4, 2007**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	49	-6	71	27	0.00	0.96	-1.82	35
Buckeye	54	-5	73	28	0.00	0.83	-0.64	56
Canyon De Chelly	34	-7	58	11	0.00	0.92	-0.48	66
Coolidge	50	-8	75	28	0.00	0.64	-1.24	34
Douglas	47	-4	73	21	0.00	1.28	-0.05	96
Flagstaff	30	-3	48	6	0.04	2.16	-2.30	48
Grand Canyon	28	-2	53	-2	0.03	1.16	-3.77	24
Kingman	43	-6	60	19	0.00	0.39	-1.54	20
Marana	51	-7	78	29	0.00	0.47	-2.02	19
Maricopa	52	-6	75	28	0.00	0.53	-1.13	32
Paloma	51	-9	72	29	0.00	0.19	-1.52	11
Parker	54	-6	74	31	0.00	0.04	-1.52	3
Payson	36	-8	56	16	0.00	2.04	-2.20	48
Phoenix	57	-4	74	40	0.00	0.89	-0.58	61
Prescott	38	-3	58	18	0.00	1.04	-2.27	31
Roll	53	-7	74	30	0.00	0.01	-0.60	2
Safford	46	-6	72	24	0.00	1.95	0.54	138
St. Johns	37	-5	63	6	0.00	0.57	-0.79	42
Tucson	51	-6	76	31	0.00	0.75	-0.94	44
Willcox	43	-6	69	21	0.00	1.23	-0.51	71
Winslow	37	-6	63	9	0.00	1.12	0.07	107
Yuma	55	-7	75	35	0.00	0.00	-0.62	0

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

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