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## Field Crops

Alfalfa harvest was active on over three quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition ranged from fair to excellent. Small grain heading is virtually complete around the State. Cotton planting is 85 percent complete compared to 84 percent a year ago and the 5-year average of 83 percent complete. Range and pasture conditions across the State are mostly poor to fair, depending on location and elevation.

## Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week western Arizona growers shipped cabbage, green onions, and seeded and seedless watermelons.

Producers in central Arizona shipped carrots, potatoes, and seeded and seedless watermelons.

## Weather Summary

Temperatures were above normal in the State for the week ending May 13. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees above normal at Canyon De Chelly and Paloma to 9 degrees above normal at Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 106 degrees at Phoenix, and the lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon at 18 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 4 of the 22 reporting stations. Douglas received the most at 0.05 inches of precipitation and Tucson and Willcox received the least with 0.01 inches. There are only four stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

## Range and Pasture

During April, Arizona's rangeland and pastures were dry with much needed moisture. High temperatures and wind have dried out some rangeland areas. Rangeland conditions were mostly fair. High elevation conditions were mostly fair to good. Mid and low elevation conditions were poor to mostly fair. Arizona cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water supplies were mostly short to adequate, but soil moisture was mostly short. Insect damage were mostly light to moderate.

In Arizona's Northern region, rangeland and pasture condition was mostly fair. High elevation conditions were mostly fair to good. Mid elevation conditions were poor to fair. Low elevation conditions were mostly fair. Rangeland was still dry despite some rains during the month of April. Cattle and calves were in poor to mostly fair condition. Stock water and soil moisture were short. Insect damage was light to moderate.

The Central region's rangeland and pasture condition was mostly fair. Mid and low elevation pastures were mostly fair, but high elevation pastures ranged from poor to good depending on location. Cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water supplies were short to mostly adequate, but soil moisture was mostly short. Insect damage was moderate.

In the South, rangeland and pasture conditions ranged from poor to good, depending on location. High and mid elevation conditions were poor to good. Low elevation conditions were mostly poor to fair. Cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water supplies were short to mostly adequate. Soil moisture supplies were short. Insect damage was light.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data**  
**May 7 - May 13, 2007**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	75	6	99	46	0.00	1.52	-2.41	39
Buckeye	79	4	102	50	0.00	1.50	-1.02	60
Canyon De Chelly	59	2	90	32	0.00	2.20	-0.64	77
Coolidge	76	4	104	46	0.00	1.31	-1.86	41
Douglas	70	5	95	44	0.05	2.44	0.45	123
Flagstaff	53	5	81	28	0.00	3.15	-5.42	37
Grand Canyon	51	7	85	18	0.00	3.12	-5.44	36
Kingman	72	7	96	46	0.00	0.47	-3.13	13
Marana	79	7	105	50	0.00	1.52	-2.21	41
Maricopa	80	6	104	50	0.00	1.66	-1.17	59
Paloma	77	2	102	46	0.00	0.66	-2.10	24
Parker	79	4	102	53	0.00	0.61	-1.47	29
Payson	63	5	88	40	0.00	3.88	-3.75	51
Phoenix	84	8	106	63	0.00	1.93	-0.59	77
Prescott	64	9	90	39	0.00	2.70	-3.26	45
Roll	79	4	105	47	0.00	0.14	-0.82	15
Safford	74	7	99	44	0.00	3.15	0.96	144
St. Johns	62	4	91	32	0.04	1.32	-1.48	47
Tucson	76	5	103	50	0.01	1.51	-1.21	56
Willcox	70	8	98	45	0.01	3.00	0.38	115
Winslow	63	4	92	35	0.00	2.59	0.68	136
Yuma	79	4	103	55	0.00	0.01	-1.04	1

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

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