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## Field Crops

Small grain plantings remained active in the State, behind last year and the five year average. Alfalfa harvest is active on roughly half of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions are mostly poor to good, depending on location. Range and pasture conditions across the State are mostly fair to good but a substantial amount is in very poor to poor condition, depending on location and elevation.

## Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, Chinese cabbage, greens, miscellaneous Asian vegetables and herbs, parsley, spinach, and citrus. Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, miscellaneous Asian vegetables and herbs, green onions, parsley, spinach, and citrus. Lettuce shipments included Boston, green leaf, iceberg, red leaf, and romaine.

### Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	2	30	40	20	8
Range and Pasture	9	21	38	26	6

### Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Durum Wheat				
• Planted	75	65	89	91
• Emerged	11	9	26	49
Barely				
• Planted	85	75	95	95
• Emerged	25	20	34	49

### Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly below normal across the State for the week ending February 3. Temperatures ranged from 8 degrees below normal at Paloma to 2 degrees above normal at Douglas. The highest temperature of the week was 72 degrees at Yuma, and

the lowest reading of -15 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 19 of the 22 stations. Payson received the most at 1.90 inches of precipitation and Maricopa received the least with 0.01 inches.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data  
 January 28 - February 3, 2008**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	44	-7	59	28	0.02	1.49	0.12	109
Buckeye	49	-6	63	31	0.09	2.14	1.41	293
Canyon De Chelly	30	-4	43	12	0.79	1.34	0.56	172
Coolidge	48	-6	67	26	0.04	0.75	-0.19	80
Douglas	47	2	70	23	0.04	0.08	-0.71	10
Flagstaff	24	-7	39	-7	1.59	3.96	1.71	176
Grand Canyon	21	-7	40	-15	0.70	2.50	-0.24	91
Kingman	39	-6	52	23	0.48	2.20	1.19	218
Marana	50	-4	67	31	0.18	0.64	-0.57	53
Maricopa	49	-4	67	29	0.01	0.99	0.20	125
Paloma	48	-8	65	28	0.00	1.06	0.35	149
Parker	49	-6	64	30	0.00	1.04	0.12	113
Payson	39	-3	51	20	1.90	3.57	1.38	163
Phoenix	52	-4	66	39	1.00	1.58	0.85	216
Prescott	36	-3	49	15	1.38	2.49	0.81	148
Roll	49	-6	66	30	0.00	0.65	0.27	171
Safford	44	-3	61	21	0.81	1.11	0.37	150
St. Johns	33	-3	59	8	0.52	0.64	-0.09	88
Tucson	50	-4	68	29	0.04	0.17	-0.77	18
Willcox	45	1	64	24	0.36	0.79	-0.24	77
Winslow	33	-3	54	6	0.23	0.55	0.07	115
Yuma	57	-2	72	44	0.14	0.35	-0.03	92

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

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