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**Field Crops**

Durum wheat and barley emergence has occurred on at least 89 percent of the acreage. Alfalfa harvest is active on over two-thirds of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions are mostly fair to excellent. Range and pasture conditions vary from mostly fair to good depending on location and elevation.

**Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops**

Last week central Arizona growers were actively shipping broccoli, cabbage, greens, miscellaneous herbs, parsley, spinach, and various citrus.

Western Arizona growers continued to ship broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, miscellaneous Asian vegetables and herbs, parsley, spinach, and various citrus. Lettuce shipments included Boston, green and red leaf, iceberg, and romaine.

**Crop Condition**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	1	11	18	37	33
Range and Pasture	17	7	31	33	12

**Crop Progress**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Durum Wheat				
• Emerged	89	76	74	91
Barley				
• Emerged	90	79	89	93

**Weather Summary**

Temperatures were above normal across the State for the week ending March 1, ranging from 4 degrees above normal at Parker to 13 degrees above normal at Tucson. The highest temperature of the week was 91 degrees at Marana and Tucson, and the lowest reading of 17 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation

was reported at only 1 of the 22 stations. Grand Canyon received 0.06 inches of precipitation. With this week's precipitation, there are now only three stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data  
 February 23, 2009 - March 1, 2009**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	60	7	83	37	0.00	0.83	-1.83	31
Buckeye	65	8	86	42	0.00	0.60	-0.78	43
Canyon De Chelly	45	6	67	22	0.00	0.41	-0.93	31
Coolidge	63	7	85	35	0.00	1.19	-0.58	67
Douglas	61	12	86	33	0.00	0.54	-0.73	43
Flagstaff	41	9	59	21	0.00	2.29	-1.92	54
Grand Canyon	39	11	60	17	0.06	2.00	-2.69	43
Kingman	53	5	70	35	0.00	2.42	0.60	133
Marana	67	11	91	44	0.00	1.42	-0.96	60
Maricopa	64	8	86	40	0.00	0.63	-0.94	40
Paloma	63	6	89	39	0.00	0.79	-0.83	49
Parker	62	4	86	41	0.00	0.56	-0.94	37
Payson	51	8	72	30	0.00	3.75	-0.25	94
Phoenix	69	10	85	51	0.00	1.49	0.11	108
Prescott	51	11	71	28	0.00	1.65	-1.48	53
Roll	63	5	87	38	0.00	0.58	0.00	100
Safford	59	10	83	35	0.00	0.81	-0.54	60
St. Johns	49	9	74	22	0.00	0.35	-0.92	28
Tucson	68	13	91	44	0.00	1.21	-0.39	76
Willcox	58	11	85	31	0.00	0.90	-0.78	54
Winslow	51	10	76	23	0.00	0.59	-0.40	60
Yuma	70	8	86	52	0.00	0.59	0.01	102

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

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