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## Field Crops

Durum wheat and barley emergence has occurred on virtually all of the acreage. Cotton planting is getting underway across the State. Alfalfa harvest is active on over three-quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions are mostly good to excellent.

## Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers were actively shipping broccoli, 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.

## Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending March 15, ranging from 4 degrees below normal at Paloma and Roll to 6 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 83 degrees at Roll, and the lowest reading of 13 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 11 of the 22 stations. Willcox received the most at 0.55 inches of precipitation and St. Johns received the least with 0.01 inches. Kingman is currently the only station with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

## Range and Pasture

The State's rangeland and pastures received precipitation throughout the month of February. Temperatures for the first and last weeks of February were mostly above normal while the weeks in the middle of the month were mostly below normal. With the fluctuation in temperatures throughout the month, average range and pasture conditions were fair. Arizona cattle and calves remain in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies remain adequate but soil moisture remains mostly short to adequate. Insect damage remains mostly light.

In Arizona's Northern region, rangeland and pasture conditions were mostly fair for all elevations. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair to good condition. Stock water supplies remain adequate but soil moisture was mostly short to adequate. Insect damage remains mostly light.

In the Central region, rangeland and pasture conditions for the low and high elevation conditions remain mostly fair. Mid elevation conditions continued mostly fair to good. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture remain mostly adequate. Insect damage remains mostly light.

In the South, rangeland and pasture conditions were mostly fair to good across low and mid elevations. High elevation conditions were mostly good. Cattle and calves remain in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies continued adequate. Soil moisture remains mostly short. Insect damage is mostly light.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data  
 March 9, 2009 - March 15, 2009**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	55	-2	73	33	0.00	0.83	-2.31	26
Buckeye	61	2	80	41	0.00	0.60	-1.20	33
Canyon De Chelly	43	0	62	21	0.05	0.46	-1.25	27
Coolidge	57	-2	78	35	0.00	1.19	-1.02	54
Douglas	53	2	73	28	0.44	0.98	-0.51	66
Flagstaff	37	3	53	16	0.20	2.49	-2.96	46
Grand Canyon	36	6	58	13	0.08	2.09	-3.79	36
Kingman	48	-2	66	28	0.00	2.42	0.05	102
Marana	60	2	80	43	0.12	1.54	-1.28	55
Maricopa	61	2	80	42	0.00	0.63	-1.36	32
Paloma	59	-4	79	38	0.00	0.79	-1.25	39
Parker	60	-3	82	38	0.00	0.56	-1.17	32
Payson	45	0	61	27	0.09	3.84	-1.28	75
Phoenix	65	5	80	51	0.00	1.49	-0.31	83
Prescott	45	4	62	27	0.00	1.65	-2.35	41
Roll	59	-4	83	36	0.00	0.58	-0.14	81
Safford	56	4	74	37	0.23	1.04	-0.59	64
St. Johns	42	-2	63	20	0.01	0.36	-1.33	21
Tucson	60	3	77	44	0.18	1.39	-0.58	71
Willcox	52	3	71	29	0.55	1.45	-0.51	74
Winslow	47	3	67	19	0.03	0.62	-0.65	49
Yuma	63	-2	80	48	0.00	0.59	-0.13	82

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

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