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Field Crops

Durum wheat and barley is headed on 15 percent of the acreage. Cotton planting is continuing across the State. Alfalfa harvest is active on over three-quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions are mostly good 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 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	0	5	19	35	41
Range and Pasture	10	6	45	32	7

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Durum Wheat				
• Headed	15	6	12	11
Barley				
• Headed	22	11	22	23

Weather Summary

Temperatures were above normal at all the reporting stations across the State for the week ending March 22, ranging from 4 degrees above normal at Parker and Roll to 13 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 93 degrees at Roll and Yuma, and the lowest reading of 19 degrees

occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at only 1 of the 22 stations. Tucson received 0.03 inches of precipitation. With this week's lack of precipitation, there are no stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
March 16, 2009 - March 22, 2009

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	63	7	85	39	0.00	0.83	-2.49	25
Buckeye	68	7	90	43	0.00	0.60	-1.41	30
Canyon De Chelly	51	8	74	24	0.00	0.46	-1.42	24
Coolidge	64	5	89	37	0.00	1.19	-1.23	49
Douglas	60	7	85	32	0.00	0.98	-0.58	63
Flagstaff	44	9	66	23	0.00	2.49	-3.52	41
Grand Canyon	44	13	69	19	0.00	2.09	-4.35	32
Kingman	57	7	78	37	0.00	2.42	-0.20	92
Marana	68	9	90	44	0.00	1.54	-1.42	52
Maricopa	67	7	90	41	0.00	0.63	-1.57	29
Paloma	67	5	91	40	0.00	0.79	-1.43	36
Parker	67	4	91	41	0.00	0.56	-1.24	31
Payson	53	8	73	29	0.00	3.84	-1.84	68
Phoenix	73	11	90	56	0.00	1.49	-0.52	74
Prescott	54	12	75	31	0.00	1.65	-2.77	37
Roll	66	4	93	37	0.00	0.58	-0.20	74
Safford	61	8	85	34	0.00	1.04	-0.72	59
St. Johns	51	7	76	22	0.00	0.36	-1.54	19
Tucson	68	9	88	44	0.03	1.42	-0.69	67
Willcox	59	9	86	31	0.00	1.45	-0.65	69
Winslow	54	9	78	28	0.00	0.62	-0.79	44
Yuma	73	8	93	54	0.00	0.59	-0.19	76

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

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