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Field Crops

Durum wheat and barley is headed on at least 25 percent of the acreage. Cotton planting is complete on 15 percent of the acreage 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 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	0	3	22	37	38
Range and Pasture	10	10	45	28	7

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Planted	15	10	14	8
Durum Wheat				
• Headed	25	15	23	20
Barley				
• Headed	35	22	29	32

Weather Summary

Temperatures were below normal at most of the reporting stations across the State for the week ending March 29, ranging from 8 degrees below normal at Coolidge to 3 degrees above normal at Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 86 degrees at Yuma, and the lowest reading of 10 degrees occurred

at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 5 of the 22 stations. Canyon De Chelly received the most at 0.30 inches of precipitation. Grand Canyon and Kingman received the least with 0.01 inches. With this week's limited precipitation, there are no stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
 March 23, 2009 - March 29, 2009**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	55	-4	76	33	0.00	0.83	-2.63	24
Buckeye	61	-3	83	36	0.00	0.60	-1.59	27
Canyon De Chelly	40	-7	71	20	0.30	0.76	-1.26	38
Coolidge	54	-8	79	31	0.00	1.19	-1.43	45
Douglas	54	-2	80	26	0.00	0.98	-0.65	60
Flagstaff	36	-1	58	14	0.02	2.51	-4.03	38
Grand Canyon	33	0	60	10	0.01	2.10	-4.83	30
Kingman	48	-5	69	24	0.01	2.43	-0.40	86
Marana	58	-4	80	38	0.00	1.54	-1.56	50
Maricopa	59	-4	83	35	0.00	0.63	-1.73	27
Paloma	58	-6	82	35	0.00	0.79	-1.57	33
Parker	62	-4	86	37	0.00	0.56	-1.31	30
Payson	46	-2	67	25	0.00	3.84	-2.32	62
Phoenix	64	1	84	49	0.00	1.49	-0.70	68
Prescott	46	3	67	24	0.00	1.65	-3.14	34
Roll	60	-5	85	34	0.00	0.58	-0.20	74
Safford	53	-3	77	30	0.00	1.04	-0.79	57
St. Johns	42	-5	70	18	0.12	0.48	-1.60	23
Tucson	58	-3	84	38	0.00	1.42	-0.83	63
Willcox	52	0	78	29	0.00	1.45	-0.76	66
Winslow	43	-5	71	17	0.00	0.62	-0.88	41
Yuma	66	-1	86	46	0.00	0.59	-0.19	76

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

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