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Field Crops

Range and Pasture

Durum wheat and barley is headed on at least two-thirds of the State's acreage. Cotton planting is complete on 32 percent of the acreage. Western area planting is wrapping up, but central and eastern growing areas are just getting underway. Alfalfa conditions are fair to excellent, depending on location. Harvesting is active on over two-thirds of the State's acreage. Range and pasture conditions vary from very poor to excellent, depending on location. Most areas are in fair to good condition.

The State's rangeland and pastures received good moisture during the month of March. The spring moisture has been the best in many years. Range and pasture conditions were fair to mostly good across the State. Arizona cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water and soil moisture levels were adequate. Insect damage remained mostly light.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped red and green cabbage, cilantro, greens, parsley, potatoes, and spinach.

In Arizona's Northern region, rangeland and pasture conditions varied from poor to good, depending on location. Low elevation pastures were in mostly poor condition. Mid elevation pastures varied from poor to mostly fair, depending on location. High elevation pastures were mostly good. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water and soil moisture levels were adequate. Insect damage remained mostly light.

Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, cabbage, greens, iceberg, and romaine lettuce, and green leaf, red leaf lettuce, Swiss chard, and spinach this week.

In the Central areas of the State, rangeland and pasture conditions varied from fair to excellent. Most areas were in good condition. Pasture conditions in low elevations were fair to good. Mid elevation conditions were mostly fair to excellent. High elevation conditions were mostly good to excellent, depending on location. Cattle and calves were in poor to fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were mostly adequate. Insect damage was mostly light.

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending April 18, ranging from 6 degrees below normal at Parker to 7 degrees above normal at Safford. The highest temperature of the week was 93 degrees at Buckeye and Maricopa, and the lowest reading of 19 degrees occurred at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 5 of the 22 stations. Prescott received the least at 0.01 inches of precipitation and Kingman received the most at 0.11 inches of precipitation. Only two of the 22 weather stations have below normal precipitation to date in 2010.

In the Southern region, rangeland conditions were mostly fair to good, depending on location. Low elevation pastures were mostly good. Mid elevation conditions varied from fair to excellent, depending on location. Cattle remain in mostly fair to good condition. Stock water and soil moisture levels remain adequate. Insect damage was light.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
April 12, 2010 - April 18, 2010

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	61	-3	86	37	0.00	6.98	3.27	188
Buckeye	67	3	93	44	0.00	5.43	2.98	222
Canyon De Chelly	55	4	79	28	0.04	3.87	1.50	163
Coolidge	65	-2	91	41	0.00	4.95	2.03	170
Douglas	64	5	84	41	0.00	2.73	0.97	155
Flagstaff	43	2	67	19	0.02	8.95	1.27	117
Grand Canyon	44	6	70	20	0.09	4.64	-3.15	60
Kingman	56	-2	81	31	0.11	3.77	0.46	114
Marana	68	3	90	47	0.00	4.60	1.12	132
Maricopa	68	1	93	44	0.00	3.82	1.22	147
Paloma	66	-2	91	41	0.00	3.65	1.07	141
Parker	64	-6	89	39	0.00	3.61	1.56	176
Payson	54	3	75	31	0.00	10.13	3.10	144
Phoenix	73	4	91	56	0.00	4.88	2.43	199
Prescott	53	5	76	30	0.01	5.78	0.32	106
Roll	67	2	92	43	0.00	3.11	2.19	338
Safford	67	7	87	43	0.00	4.31	2.30	214
St. Johns	56	5	77	28	0.00	2.08	-0.40	84
Tucson	69	4	89	48	0.00	4.59	2.12	186
Willcox	62	6	86	37	0.00	4.31	1.91	180
Winslow	57	5	79	29	0.00	3.20	1.51	189
Yuma	71	-1	90	51	0.00	3.77	2.85	410

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

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