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Field Crops

Alfalfa conditions remain mostly fair to good. Harvesting continues in a few areas across the State. Small grain seeding is wrapping up in most areas.

Range and Pasture

Rangeland conditions continue to vary from very poor to good, depending on location. Range conditions are slowly deteriorating without any significant precipitation. Some of the desert range for cattle is not looking good even with the precipitation received last week. Stock water is short in a few areas.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, Chinese cabbage, kale greens, bok choy, cilantro, parsley and citrus.

Western Arizona growers shipped arugula, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, frisee, kale greens, Boston, green leaf, iceberg, red leaf and romaine lettuces. Also shipped this week were bok choy, parsley, radicchio, spinach and citrus.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	-	8	39	35	18
Range and Pasture	24	29	31	15	1

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly below normal for the week ending February 19th, ranging from normal at Prescott to 6 degrees below normal at Aguila, Coolidge and Paloma. The highest temperature of the week was 76 degrees at Roll. The lowest reading was 8 degrees at

Flagstaff. Precipitation was recorded in 16 of the 21 weather stations. The Parker area received the least at 0.01 inches of precipitation and the Safford area received the most at 0.82 inches. Three of the weather stations have yet to receive precipitation in 2012.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
February 13, 2012 - February 19, 2012								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila_UA	47	-6	67	28	0.00	0.13	-2.04	6
Buckeye_UA	52	-4	69	32	0.00	0.02	-1.06	2
Canyon_De_Chell	35	-3	55	14	0.04	0.34	-0.76	31
Coolidge_UA	50	-6	69	33	0.25	0.65	-0.77	46
Douglas_Bisbee	51	4	69	27	0.15	0.36	-0.75	32
Flagstaff_AP	30	-3	48	8	0.57	1.09	-2.32	32
Grand_Canyon_Pa	30	3	50	13	0.32	0.93	-2.96	24
Kingman_AP	45	-3	61	30	0.52	0.66	-0.83	44
Maricopa_UA	52	-4	69	32	0.00	0.00	-1.27	0
Paloma_UA	51	-6	72	31	0.00	0.00	-1.24	0
Parker_UA	54	-4	75	32	0.01	0.02	-1.28	2
Payson	39	-4	56	21	0.06	0.27	-2.99	8
Phoenix_Sky_AP	57	-2	70	42	0.00	0.00	-1.08	0
Prescott_AP	39	0	57	23	0.23	0.33	-2.20	13
Roll_UA	54	-3	76	36	0.04	0.04	-0.50	7
Safford_Ag_Cent	48	-1	68	30	0.82	0.99	-0.15	87
Saint_Johns_AP	38	-2	56	17	0.13	0.17	-0.88	16
Tucson_Int_AP	52	-3	68	35	0.08	0.22	-1.08	17
Willcox_Coop	45	-3	63	24	0.53	0.66	-0.82	45
Winslow	38	-2	63	15	0.07	0.12	-0.67	15
Yuma_MCAS	58	-4	75	41	0.03	0.03	-0.51	6

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

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