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Field Crops

Alfalfa conditions continue to be mostly fair to good. Harvesting is occurring on more than two-thirds of the growing areas across the State.

Range and Pasture

Rangeland conditions worsened slightly from the previous week but continue to vary from very poor to good, depending on location. Sporadic rains have prevented range conditions from deteriorating further but drought conditions remain for most of the State.

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

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>- Percent -</i>				
Alfalfa	-	13	25	47	15
Range and Pasture	26	28	31	15	-

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal for the week ending February 26, ranging from 6 degrees above normal at Douglas to 4 degrees below normal at Canayon De Chelly. The highest temperature of the week was 87 degrees at Roll. The lowest reading was 10 degrees at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was

recorded in 3 of the 21 weather stations. The St. Johns area received the least at 0.01 inches and the Flagstaff area received the most at 0.08 inches. Three of the weather stations have yet to receive precipitation in 2012.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
February 20, 2012 - February 26, 2012								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	55	2	77	27	0.00	0.13	-2.39	5
Buckeye	58	3	81	35	0.00	0.02	-1.27	2
Canyon De Chelly	36	-4	60	15	0.00	0.34	-0.92	27
Coolidge	56	-1	80	31	0.00	0.65	-1.01	39
Douglas	54	6	80	30	0.00	0.36	-0.87	29
Flagstaff	35	4	57	13	0.08	1.17	-2.80	29
Grand Canyon	33	5	57	10	0.03	0.96	-3.49	22
Kingman	48	1	69	25	0.00	0.66	-1.05	39
Maricopa	57	1	81	33	0.00	0.00	-1.48	0
Paloma	58	0	83	33	0.00	0.00	-1.52	0
Parker	57	-3	82	33	0.00	0.02	-1.42	1
Payson	43	-1	66	19	0.00	0.27	-3.49	7
Phoenix	62	4	81	44	0.00	0.00	-1.29	0
Prescott	44	5	68	22	0.00	0.33	-2.62	11
Roll	58	1	87	33	0.00	0.04	-0.53	7
Safford	51	2	74	30	0.00	0.99	-0.30	77
St. Johns	39	-2	66	13	0.01	0.18	-1.01	15
Tucson	58	4	78	38	0.00	0.22	-1.29	15
Willcox	49	3	74	26	0.00	0.66	-0.96	41
Winslow	40	-2	68	14	0.00	0.12	-0.81	13
Yuma	64	3	83	44	0.00	0.03	-0.54	5

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

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