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Field Crops

Alfalfa conditions continue to be mostly fair to good, depending on location. Harvesting is occurring on more than two-thirds of the growing areas across the State. Cotton planting preparation is ongoing. A few areas have been planted.

Range and Pasture

Rangeland conditions improved slightly from the previous week but continue to vary from very poor to good, depending on location. Drought conditions remain for most of the State.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, kale greens, 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
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	-	2	29	53	16
Range and Pasture	21	24	36	18	1

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal for the week ending March 11, ranging from 7 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon to 5 degrees below normal at Paloma. The highest temperature of the week was 87 degrees at Roll. The lowest reading was 13 degrees at

Grand Canyon. Precipitation was recorded in 2 of the 21 weather stations. Grand Canyon received the least at 0.02 inches and the St. Johns area received the most at 0.04 inches. Maricopa, Paloma and Phoenix weather stations have yet to receive precipitation in 2012.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
March 5, 2012 - March 11, 2012								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	54	-2	80	32	0.00	0.15	-2.91	5
Buckeye	58	-3	83	37	0.00	0.03	-1.68	2
Canyon De Chelly	42	-1	66	17	0.00	0.42	-1.21	26
Coolidge	55	-4	85	27	0.00	0.65	-1.48	31
Douglas	52	1	81	27	0.00	0.36	-1.09	25
Flagstaff	37	4	61	18	0.00	1.41	-3.77	27
Grand Canyon	36	7	63	13	0.02	1.34	-4.30	24
Kingman	50	1	74	28	0.00	0.77	-1.49	34
Maricopa	57	-2	86	34	0.00	0.00	-1.90	0
Paloma	57	-5	83	32	0.00	0.00	-1.94	0
Parker	60	-2	83	37	0.00	0.02	-1.68	1
Payson	44	0	70	22	0.00	0.28	-4.60	6
Phoenix	64	4	86	46	0.00	0.00	-1.71	0
Prescott	45	4	69	23	0.00	0.47	-3.35	12
Roll	59	-4	87	34	0.00	0.04	-0.64	6
Safford	53	2	79	32	0.00	0.99	-0.58	63
St. Johns	40	-3	69	17	0.04	0.29	-1.32	18
Tucson	58	2	84	34	0.00	0.22	-1.69	12
Willcox	50	1	83	23	0.00	0.66	-1.24	35
Winslow	44	0	71	20	0.00	0.18	-1.03	15
Yuma	65	2	86	41	0.00	0.03	-0.65	4

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

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