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Field Crops

Alfalfa conditions remain mostly fair to good, depending on location. Harvesting has picked up and is occurring on three-quarters of the growing areas across the State. Cotton planting remains active in the western part of the State.

Range and Pasture

Rangeland conditions decreased slightly from the previous week but continue to vary from very poor to good, depending on location. Even with the recent rain 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	33	53	12
Range and Pasture	20	31	34	15	-

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal for the week ending March 18, ranging from 12 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon to 3 degrees below normal at Paloma, Parker and Roll. The highest temperature of the week was 88 degrees at Roll and Coolidge. The lowest reading was 15 degrees at Grand Canyon.

Precipitation was recorded in 14 of the 21 weather stations. Yuma received the least at 0.01 inches and the Grand Canyon area received the most at 1.07 inches. Every weather station has now received precipitation in 2012.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
March 12, 2012 - March 18, 2012								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	56	-1	80	38	0.55	0.70	-2.57	21
Buckeye	60	-2	86	35	0.81	0.84	-1.08	44
Canyon De Chelly	51	8	71	26	0.00	0.42	-1.41	23
Coolidge	59	-1	88	32	0.73	1.38	-0.96	59
Douglas	59	7	83	33	0.00	0.36	-1.16	24
Flagstaff	41	6	62	21	0.79	2.20	-3.57	38
Grand Canyon	42	12	65	15	1.07	2.41	-3.79	39
Kingman	57	8	76	35	0.91	1.68	-0.86	66
Maricopa	61	1	86	38	0.25	0.25	-1.86	12
Paloma	60	-3	86	37	0.51	0.51	-1.64	24
Parker	61	-3	84	42	0.25	0.27	-1.50	15
Payson	47	2	72	23	0.65	0.93	-4.51	17
Phoenix	69	7	87	45	0.09	0.09	-1.83	5
Prescott	51	9	72	28	0.95	1.42	-2.82	33
Roll	61	-3	88	35	0.10	0.14	-0.61	19
Safford	58	5	82	33	0.00	0.99	-0.72	58
St. Johns	49	6	75	22	0.00	0.29	-1.53	16
Tucson	65	8	85	44	0.00	0.22	-1.83	11
Willcox	56	6	82	27	0.00	0.66	-1.38	32
Winslow	52	7	77	26	0.00	0.18	-1.17	13
Yuma	68	5	86	49	0.01	0.04	-0.71	5

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

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