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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 from the previous week but continue to vary from very poor to excellent, depending on location. Even with the recent storm dry 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
	<i>- Percent -</i>				
Alfalfa	-	3	32	54	11
Range and Pasture	31	20	30	17	2

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly below normal for the week ending March 25, ranging from 2 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon to 4 degrees below normal at various stations. The highest temperature of the week was 89 degrees at Roll. The lowest reading was 1

below zero at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was recorded in 16 of the 21 weather stations. Three stations received the least at 0.01 inches and Flagstaff received the most at 1.02 inches. All weather stations have below normal precipitation to date in 2012.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
March 19, 2012 - March 25, 2012								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	56	-3	80	30	0.01	0.71	-2.70	21
Buckeye	60	-3	85	36	0.00	0.84	-1.29	39
Canyon De Chelly	44	-2	74	19	0.17	0.59	-1.38	30
Coolidge	58	-3	88	33	0.02	1.40	-1.15	55
Douglas	51	-3	83	21	0.01	0.37	-1.22	23
Flagstaff	34	-3	60	12	1.02	3.22	-3.11	51
Grand Canyon	34	2	64	-1	0.31	2.72	-4.01	40
Kingman	52	1	75	29	0.13	1.81	-0.94	66
Maricopa	59	-3	87	33	0.00	0.25	-2.05	11
Paloma	59	-4	86	34	0.00	0.51	-1.78	22
Parker	61	-4	87	35	0.01	0.28	-1.56	15
Payson	44	-3	71	17	0.48	1.41	-4.55	24
Phoenix	63	-1	88	42	0.16	0.25	-1.88	12
Prescott	44	0	72	19	0.41	1.83	-2.81	39
Roll	60	-4	89	34	0.00	0.14	-0.63	18
Safford	52	-4	85	25	0.08	1.07	-0.73	59
St. Johns	44	-3	76	22	0.07	0.36	-1.67	18
Tucson	58	-3	88	34	0.34	0.56	-1.63	26
Willcox	49	-4	86	20	0.18	0.84	-1.34	39
Winslow	46	-2	78	22	0.29	0.47	-1.00	32
Yuma	65	-1	87	44	0.00	0.04	-0.73	5

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

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