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Field Crops

Cotton planting increased 13 percentage points from the previous week to 38 percent complete, ahead of the 5-year average of 29 percent. Alfalfa conditions remain mostly fair to excellent, depending on location. Harvesting has occurred on 80 percent of the growing areas across the State. Two-thirds of the State's durum wheat crop has headed.

Range and Pasture

Rangeland conditions continue to deteriorate with many areas reporting very dry pastures due to windy and dry weather. Conditions ranged from very poor to good.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, kale greens and parsley.

Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, kale greens, Boston, green leaf, iceberg, red leaf, romaine, and processed lettuces. Also shipped this week were parsley, spinach and Swiss chard.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair - Percent -	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	-	2	26	52	20
Range and Pasture	42	21	24	12	1

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton • Planted	38	25	24	29

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal for the week ending April 15, ranging from 6 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon to 8 degrees below normal at Parker. The highest temperature of the week was 95 degrees at Roll. The lowest reading was 23 degrees at Grand

Canyon. There was precipitation recorded in all but six of the 22 weather stations, ranging from 0.01 inches in Maricopa to 0.84 inches in Kingman. All weather stations have below normal precipitation to date in 2012.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
April 9, 2012 - April 15, 2012								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	58	-5	87	36	0.06	0.77	-2.93	21
Buckeye	64	-2	93	42	0.00	0.84	-1.59	35
Canyon De Chelly	53	3	80	28	0.10	0.87	-1.49	37
Coolidge	63	-3	95	40	0.09	1.49	-1.42	51
Douglas	63	4	89	34	0.00	0.37	-1.38	21
Flagstaff	42	0	68	24	0.66	3.88	-3.71	51
Grand Canyon	43	6	72	23	0.45	3.17	-4.56	41
Kingman	57	1	84	34	0.84	2.65	-0.63	81
Maricopa	65	-2	94	44	0.01	0.26	-2.32	10
Paloma	64	-4	93	39	0.00	0.51	-2.04	20
Parker	62	-8	91	41	0.03	0.31	-1.74	15
Payson	51	-2	78	31	0.18	1.59	-5.38	23
Phoenix	71	3	94	50	0.05	0.30	-2.13	12
Prescott	52	4	77	31	0.33	2.16	-3.26	40
Roll	63	-3	95	37	0.00	0.14	-0.77	15
Safford	62	3	90	33	0.12	1.19	-0.82	59
St. Johns	54	3	83	31	0.00	0.36	-2.09	15
Tucson	66	2	92	41	0.12	0.68	-1.77	28
Willcox	59	3	90	28	0.05	0.89	-1.50	37
Winslow	56	4	84	33	0.02	0.49	-1.19	29
Yuma	69	-2	94	47	0.00	0.04	-0.87	4

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

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