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**Field Crops**

Cotton planting increased 9 percentage points from the previous week to 47 percent complete, ahead of the 5-year average of 43 percent. Alfalfa conditions remain mostly fair to excellent, depending on location. Harvesting has occurred on 80 percent of the growing areas across the State. Nearly three-fourths of the State's durum wheat crop has headed.

**Range and Pasture**

Rangeland conditions continue to deteriorate even with the precipitation received the previous weekend. Many areas reported some benefit from the precipitation.

**Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops**

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

Western Arizona growers shipped bok choy, cabbage, kale greens, Boston, green leaf, iceberg, red leaf, romaine, and processed lettuces. Also shipped this week were spinach and Swiss chard.

But, insufficient moisture was received to provide any long term benefits. Conditions ranged from very poor to good.

**Crop Condition**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair - Percent -	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	-	3	27	54	16
Range and Pasture	50	20	19	10	1

**Crop Progress**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton • Planted	47	38	46	43

**Weather Summary**

Temperatures were above normal for the week ending April 22, ranging from 3 degrees above normal at Parker to 9 degrees above normal at two weather stations, Grand Canyon and Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 107 degrees at Roll. The

lowest reading was 23 degrees at Grand Canyon. There was precipitation recorded in one weather station, 0.01 inches in Winslow. All stations have below normal precipitation to date in 2012.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
April 16, 2012 - April 22, 2012								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	71	7	99	39	0.00	0.77	-3.00	20
Buckeye	75	8	103	48	0.00	0.84	-1.61	34
Canyon De Chelly	55	4	84	31	0.00	0.87	-1.58	36
Coolidge	72	5	103	43	0.00	1.49	-1.49	50
Douglas	65	4	93	35	0.00	0.37	-1.41	21
Flagstaff	48	6	76	24	0.00	3.88	-4.00	49
Grand Canyon	48	9	77	23	0.00	3.17	-4.77	40
Kingman	65	7	91	41	0.00	2.65	-0.76	78
Maricopa	74	6	104	44	0.00	0.26	-2.39	10
Paloma	74	6	103	43	0.00	0.51	-2.08	20
Parker	73	3	105	42	0.00	0.31	-1.74	15
Payson	58	6	87	31	0.00	1.59	-5.59	22
Phoenix	79	8	103	56	0.00	0.30	-2.15	12
Prescott	59	9	86	33	0.00	2.16	-3.40	39
Roll	74	7	107	44	0.00	0.14	-0.77	15
Safford	66	4	95	37	0.00	1.19	-0.82	59
St. Johns	57	5	84	30	0.00	0.36	-2.18	14
Tucson	72	5	99	43	0.00	0.68	-1.84	27
Willcox	63	6	94	32	0.00	0.89	-1.53	37
Winslow	59	5	86	31	0.01	0.50	-1.21	29
Yuma	79	7	104	54	0.00	0.04	-0.87	4

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

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