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Field Crops

Cotton planting increased 18 percentage points from the previous week to 65 percent complete, ahead of the 5-year average of 58 percent. Alfalfa conditions are mostly good to excellent, depending on location. Harvesting has occurred on more than 90 percent of the growing areas across the State. Nearly all of the State's durum wheat crop has headed.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Arizona growers shipped cabbage, kale greens and parsley.

Range and Pasture

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

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	-	1	13	63	23
Range and Pasture	30	22	32	15	1

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Planted	65	47	66	58

Weather Summary

Temperatures were above normal for the week ending April 29, ranging from 2 degrees above normal at Parker to 11 degrees above normal at Douglas and Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 106 degrees at Yuma. The lowest reading was 23 degrees

at Grand Canyon. There was precipitation recorded in fifteen weather stations, the least was in Canyon De Chelly and Coolidge with 0.02 inches, the most was in Flagstaff with 0.58 inches. All stations have below normal precipitation to date in 2012.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
April 23, 2012 - April 29, 2012								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	69	4	94	44	0.06	0.83	-3.01	22
Buckeye	74	4	100	52	0.00	0.84	-1.61	34
Canyon De Chelly	61	7	86	35	0.02	0.89	-1.70	34
Coolidge	72	4	100	47	0.02	1.51	-1.54	50
Douglas	73	11	96	44	0.00	0.37	-1.48	20
Flagstaff	51	7	78	29	0.58	4.46	-3.70	55
Grand Canyon	51	10	80	23	0.12	3.29	-4.86	40
Kingman	68	8	93	46	0.05	2.70	-0.78	78
Maricopa	75	5	99	54	0.06	0.32	-2.38	12
Paloma	73	3	99	51	0.08	0.59	-2.04	22
Parker	74	2	98	51	0.10	0.41	-1.64	20
Payson	61	6	85	36	0.47	2.06	-5.29	28
Phoenix	82	9	105	63	0.03	0.33	-2.12	13
Prescott	63	11	88	39	0.20	2.36	-3.34	41
Roll	73	4	96	51	0.00	0.14	-0.77	15
Safford	72	9	98	48	0.00	1.19	-0.87	58
St. Johns	64	10	88	36	0.06	0.42	-2.19	16
Tucson	78	10	101	54	0.00	0.68	-1.91	26
Willcox	70	10	96	42	0.00	0.89	-1.60	36
Winslow	65	9	90	40	0.15	0.65	-1.13	37
Yuma	80	6	106	62	0.05	0.09	-0.82	10

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

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