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Field Crops

Arizona’s alfalfa conditions remained in fair to excellent. Harvesting occurred on over two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Sheep continue to graze on various alfalfa fields in many areas. Durum wheat acreage planted and barley acreage planted was virtually complete by week’s end. Durum condition is mostly good to excellent and barley condition is mostly fair to good.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cilantro, kale, parsley and spinach last week.

Western Arizona growers shipped anise, arrugula, bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, Chinese Cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, parsley, spinach and various lettuces including Boston, iceberg, red leaf, green leaf, and romaine. Various citrus was also shipped in Arizona.

Range and Pasture

Current moisture levels have helped drought conditions. The problem still remains that more precipitation is needed to help prevent pastures drying out. Just over half of pasture areas are in fair to good condition, depending on location.

Crop Condition

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-------------------|-------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| | - Percent - | | | | |
| Alfalfa | 1 | 6 | 29 | 40 | 24 |
| Range and Pasture | 22 | 22 | 38 | 16 | 2 |

Weather Summary

Temperatures were below normal across the State for the week ending February 17, 2013, ranging from 10 degrees below normal at Bullhead City to 2 degrees below normal at Phoenix and Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 81 degrees at Yuma. The lowest reading was minus 11 degrees at Grand Canyon.

Twelve of the 22 weather stations recorded precipitation last week. Aguila and Prescott received the least precipitation at .01 inches and Payson received the most at 0.32 inches. Six weather stations have received above normal precipitation this year.

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| Temperature and Precipitation Data | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|---------|------|-----|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| February 11, 2013 - February 17, 2013 | | | | | | | | |
| Station | Temperature | | | | Precipitation | | | |
| | Avg. | Dep. 1/ | High | Low | Past Week | Jan. 1 to Date | Departure From Normal | Percent of Normal |
| Aguila | 48 | -4 | 76 | 28 | 0.01 | 1.61 | -0.46 | 78 |
| Buckeye | 52 | -4 | 78 | 31 | 0.03 | 1.40 | 0.38 | 137 |
| Bullhead City | 50 | -10 | 74 | 31 | 0.00 | 0.10 | -1.40 | 7 |
| Canyon De Chelly | 30 | -8 | 57 | 15 | 0.07 | 0.99 | -0.07 | 93 |
| Coolidge | 48 | -7 | 79 | 24 | 0.00 | 1.21 | -0.15 | 89 |
| Douglas | 42 | -7 | 67 | 20 | 0.05 | 0.97 | -0.10 | 91 |
| Flagstaff | 24 | -8 | 52 | -7 | 0.21 | 3.14 | -0.11 | 97 |
| Grand Canyon | 22 | -7 | 57 | -11 | 0.00 | 0.09 | -3.66 | 2 |
| Kingman | 43 | -5 | 70 | 25 | 0.00 | 0.96 | -0.47 | 67 |
| Maricopa | 50 | -6 | 79 | 27 | 0.00 | 1.22 | 0.01 | 101 |
| Paloma | 50 | -7 | 76 | 27 | 0.00 | 0.83 | -0.33 | 72 |
| Parker | 53 | -5 | 80 | 28 | 0.00 | 0.70 | -0.56 | 56 |
| Payson | 38 | -5 | 68 | 12 | 0.32 | 4.17 | 1.05 | 134 |
| Phoenix | 56 | -2 | 80 | 39 | 0.08 | 1.47 | 0.45 | 144 |
| Prescott | 37 | -3 | 65 | 19 | 0.01 | 2.08 | -0.33 | 86 |
| Roll | 52 | -4 | 79 | 27 | 0.00 | 0.16 | -0.36 | 31 |
| Safford | 43 | -6 | 69 | 19 | 0.04 | 0.33 | -0.75 | 31 |
| St. Johns | 31 | -9 | 59 | 13 | 0.00 | 0.37 | -0.64 | 37 |
| Tucson | 50 | -5 | 75 | 30 | 0.26 | 1.12 | -0.12 | 90 |
| Willcox | 40 | -7 | 71 | 17 | 0.03 | 0.52 | -0.92 | 36 |
| Winslow | 32 | -8 | 58 | 9 | 0.18 | 0.96 | 0.21 | 128 |
| Yuma | 59 | -2 | 81 | 40 | 0.00 | 1.02 | 0.50 | 196 |
| 1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week. | | | | | | | | |

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