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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 complete by week’s end. Durum condition is mostly good and barley condition is mostly fair to good.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cilantro, kale, and parsley 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

Recent storms improved moisture levels throughout the State. More precipitation is needed to help drought conditions. Pasture areas are in poor to good condition, depending on location.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	1	6	24	44	25
Range and Pasture	14	21	39	25	1

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly below normal across the State for the week ending February 24, 2013, ranging from 9 degrees below normal at five various locations to 1 degree above normal at the Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 80 degrees at Roll. The lowest reading was minus 3 degrees at the

Grand Canyon. Twenty- one of the 22 weather stations recorded precipitation last week. Parker and Yuma received the least precipitation at .01 inches and Payson received the most at 0.61 inches. Seven weather stations have received above normal precipitation to date this year.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
February 18, 2013 - February 24, 2013								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	45	-9	69	28	0.09	1.70	-0.72	70
Buckeye	50	-6	74	32	0.03	1.43	0.20	116
Bullhead City	52	-9	79	34	0.29	0.39	-1.39	22
Canyon De Chelly	35	-5	53	16	0.00	0.99	-0.21	83
Coolidge	48	-9	74	30	0.60	1.81	0.23	115
Douglas	46	-3	73	22	0.08	1.05	-0.16	87
Flagstaff	28	-5	48	7	0.36	3.50	-0.31	92
Grand Canyon	29	1	50	-3	0.19	0.28	-4.01	7
Kingman	43	-5	66	23	0.03	0.99	-0.65	60
Maricopa	50	-7	74	33	0.17	1.39	-0.03	98
Paloma	49	-9	77	31	0.14	0.97	-0.47	67
Parker	50	-9	76	29	0.01	0.71	-0.69	51
Payson	36	-7	59	16	0.61	4.78	1.17	132
Phoenix	56	-3	76	39	0.23	1.70	0.47	138
Prescott	38	-3	60	19	0.07	2.15	-0.68	76
Roll	50	-8	80	29	0.22	0.38	-0.19	67
Safford	45	-5	73	23	0.09	0.42	-0.83	34
St. Johns	37	-3	62	17	0.14	0.51	-0.64	44
Tucson	51	-5	74	33	0.49	1.61	0.16	111
Willcox	41	-7	69	21	0.21	0.73	-0.85	46
Winslow	38	-3	63	21	0.19	1.15	0.26	129
Yuma	58	-4	78	43	0.01	1.03	0.46	181
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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