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**Field Crops**

Arizona’s alfalfa conditions remained in fair to excellent condition, depending on location. Harvesting occurred on over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Sheep continue to graze on various alfalfa fields in many areas. 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, 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.

**Range and Pasture**

Cold weather throughout the State has helped delay loss of moisture. Precipitation is needed to help forage growth. Pasture areas are in poor to good condition, depending on location.

**Crop Condition**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>- Percent -</i>				
Alfalfa	0	4	24	45	27
Range and Pasture	5	28	41	26	0

**Weather Summary**

Temperatures were mostly below normal across the State for the week ending March 3, 2013, ranging from 9 degrees below normal at St. Johns to 4 degree above normal at the Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 87 degrees at Roll and Yuma. The lowest reading was 10 degrees at Canyon De Chelly

and the Grand Canyon. Two of the 22 weather stations recorded precipitation last week. Safford received the least precipitation at 0.04 inches and St. Johns received the most at 0.08 inches. Only four weather stations have received above normal precipitation to date this year, Payson, Phoenix, Winslow, and Yuma.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data  
 February 25, 2013 - March 3, 2013**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	53	-2	81	24	0.00	1.70	-1.04	62
Buckeye	55	-4	83	30	0.00	1.43	-0.01	99
Bullhead City	57	-6	85	29	0.00	0.39	-1.67	19
Canyon De Chelly	34	-7	64	10	0.00	0.99	-0.39	72
Coolidge	50	-8	85	24	0.00	1.81	-0.04	98
Douglas	44	-7	77	18	0.00	1.05	-0.26	80
Flagstaff	32	0	63	16	0.00	3.50	-0.87	80
Grand Canyon	33	4	64	10	0.00	0.28	-4.57	6
Kingman	46	-3	75	24	0.00	0.99	-0.90	52
Maricopa	52	-6	83	28	0.00	1.39	-0.24	85
Paloma	54	-6	85	29	0.00	0.97	-0.71	58
Parker	55	-5	85	29	0.00	0.71	-0.83	46
Payson	42	-2	69	18	0.00	4.78	0.62	115
Phoenix	59	0	85	43	0.00	1.70	0.26	118
Prescott	40	0	72	17	0.00	2.15	-1.10	66
Roll	54	-5	87	29	0.00	0.38	-0.22	63
Safford	44	-8	76	19	0.04	0.46	-0.93	33
St. Johns	33	-9	65	13	0.08	0.59	-0.74	44
Tucson	51	-6	83	31	0.00	1.61	-0.05	97
Willcox	43	-6	79	18	0.00	0.73	-0.99	42
Winslow	36	-6	66	15	0.00	1.15	0.12	112
Yuma	61	-2	87	40	0.00	1.03	0.43	172

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

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