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Field Crops

Cotton planting has just started and is 5 percent complete, behind both last year at 8 percent and the 5-year average at 6 percent. 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. The State's durum wheat condition is mostly good to excellent and this year's 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 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

Winter storms around the State have mitigated drought effects and will aid in greening up rangeland and pastures as summer months approach. Pasture areas are in mostly poor to good condition, depending on location.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	3	24	48	25
Range and Pasture	5	26	39	28	2

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Planted	5	0	8	6

Weather Summary

Temperatures were above normal across the State for the week ending March 17, 2013, ranging from 5 degrees above normal at Coolidge and Roll to 13 degrees above normal at the Grand Canyon and Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 96 degrees recorded in Yuma. The lowest reading was 12

degrees at Flagstaff. Only one of the 22 weather stations recorded precipitation last week. That one weather station was in Flagstaff and received 0.01 inches. Only six weather stations have received above normal precipitation to date this year.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
March 11, 2013 - March 17, 2013								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	65	9	89	39	0.00	1.73	-1.47	54
Buckeye	66	6	92	41	0.00	1.98	0.12	106
Bullhead City	70	8	95	42	0.00	0.77	-1.75	31
Canyon De Chelly	48	6	75	22	0.00	1.31	-0.46	74
Coolidge	63	5	92	35	0.00	2.65	0.38	117
Douglas	58	6	88	28	0.00	1.07	-0.44	71
Flagstaff	42	8	67	12	0.01	4.88	-0.73	87
Grand Canyon	43	13	71	18	0.00	0.60	-5.44	10
Kingman	61	12	86	34	0.00	1.13	-1.32	46
Maricopa	66	7	92	38	0.00	1.96	-0.09	96
Paloma	67	6	95	40	0.00	1.36	-0.74	65
Parker	67	6	95	36	0.00	0.71	-1.04	41
Payson	52	7	78	25	0.00	6.52	1.24	123
Phoenix	72	11	95	51	0.00	2.55	0.69	137
Prescott	55	13	79	28	0.00	2.39	-1.73	58
Roll	67	5	95	37	0.00	0.42	-0.32	57
Safford	59	7	88	29	0.00	0.54	-1.13	32
St. Johns	49	6	80	24	0.00	0.92	-0.83	53
Tucson	68	10	94	42	0.00	1.62	-0.39	81
Willcox	59	10	90	33	0.00	0.79	-1.21	40
Winslow	52	8	83	26	0.00	1.49	0.18	114
Yuma	73	9	96	50	0.00	1.11	0.37	150
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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