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Field Crops

Cotton planting has started and is 21 percent complete, ahead of last year at 10 percent and the 5-year average at 10 percent. Arizona's alfalfa conditions remained in good to poor 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 in good condition.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

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

Western Arizona growers shipped arugula, 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, and lemons.

Range and Pasture

Green forage is sprouting due to recent warm temperatures throughout the State, however more moisture is needed to sustain greening up rangeland and pastures as summer months approach. Pasture areas are in good to poor condition, depending on location.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	3	15	51	31
Range and Pasture	2	21	37	33	7

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Planted	21	5	10	10

Weather Summary

Temperatures were above normal across the State for the week ending March 24, 2013, ranging from 0 degrees above normal at Canyon de Chelly to 12 degrees above normal at Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 91 degrees recorded in

Bullhead City. The lowest reading was 11 degrees at the Grand Canyon. All 22 weather stations recorded no precipitation last week. Only five weather stations have received above normal precipitation to date this year.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
March 18, 2013 - March 24, 2013								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	62	5	83	36	0.00	1.73	-1.63	51
Buckeye	65	4	84	41	0.00	1.98	-0.09	96
Bullhead City	67	3	91	36	0.00	0.77	-1.96	28
Canyon De Chelly	45	0	65	14	0.00	1.35	-0.57	70
Coolidge	63	3	85	33	0.00	2.65	0.17	107
Douglas	62	9	82	37	0.00	1.07	-0.51	68
Flagstaff	42	6	62	16	0.00	4.88	-1.29	79
Grand Canyon	40	8	62	11	0.00	0.60	-5.99	9
Kingman	58	8	77	29	0.00	1.13	-1.55	42
Maricopa	67	7	86	42	0.00	1.96	-0.30	87
Paloma	65	3	87	39	0.00	1.36	-0.90	60
Parker	67	4	90	36	0.00	0.71	-1.11	39
Payson	49	4	68	25	0.00	6.52	0.70	112
Phoenix	73	10	87	54	0.00	2.55	0.48	123
Prescott	54	12	73	27	0.00	2.39	-2.15	53
Roll	66	3	87	39	0.00	0.42	-0.36	54
Safford	60	6	82	25	0.00	0.54	-1.24	30
St. Johns	51	6	71	16	0.00	0.92	-1.04	47
Tucson	68	9	85	47	0.00	1.62	-0.53	75
Willcox	58	6	78	30	0.00	0.79	-1.35	37
Winslow	53	7	76	18	0.00	1.49	0.04	103
Yuma	74	9	90	57	0.00	1.11	0.33	142
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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