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Field Crops

Cotton planting is ongoing and is 25 percent complete, ahead of last year at 19 percent and the 5-year average of 17 percent. Arizona's alfalfa conditions remained in excellent to fair condition, depending on location. Harvesting occurred on nearly three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. The State's durum wheat condition is mostly fair to excellent and this year's barley is in fair to 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.

Range and Pasture

Warm temperatures throughout the State helped with green forage production but more moisture is needed to sustain rangeland and pastures in the coming months. Pasture areas are in mostly good to poor condition, depending on location.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	3	22	49	26
Range and Pasture	1	25	42	28	4

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Planted	25	21	19	17

Weather Summary

Temperatures were above normal across the State for the week ending March 31, 2013, ranging from 3 degrees above normal at Canyon de Chelly and St. Johns to 10 degrees above normal at Phoenix, Prescott and Tucson. The highest temperature of the week was

93 degrees recorded in Bullhead City. The lowest reading was 15 degrees at the Grand Canyon. No precipitation was recorded at any of the 22 weather stations last week. Only three weather stations in the State have received above normal precipitation to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
March 25, 2013 - March 31, 2013								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	65	7	85	43	0.00	1.73	-1.77	49
Buckeye	68	6	87	45	0.00	1.98	-0.25	89
Bullhead City	73	6	93	47	0.00	0.77	-2.10	27
Canyon De Chelly	49	3	74	18	0.00	1.35	-0.71	66
Coolidge	66	5	88	37	0.00	2.65	-0.01	100
Douglas	60	5	82	36	0.00	1.07	-0.58	65
Flagstaff	44	7	65	19	0.00	4.88	-1.80	73
Grand Canyon	41	8	65	15	0.00	0.60	-6.45	9
Kingman	61	9	79	37	0.00	1.13	-1.76	39
Maricopa	68	6	88	42	0.00	1.96	-0.44	82
Paloma	69	6	90	40	0.00	1.36	-1.04	57
Parker	69	5	89	40	0.00	0.71	-1.18	38
Payson	51	4	72	31	0.00	6.52	0.24	104
Phoenix	74	10	89	56	0.00	2.55	0.32	114
Prescott	54	10	72	32	0.00	2.39	-2.50	49
Roll	68	4	90	38	0.00	0.42	-0.36	54
Safford	62	7	84	37	0.00	0.54	-1.31	29
St. Johns	49	3	72	20	0.00	0.92	-1.20	43
Tucson	70	10	88	48	0.00	1.62	-0.67	71
Willcox	59	7	82	33	0.00	0.79	-1.44	35
Winslow	53	5	75	22	0.00	1.49	-0.03	98
Yuma	75	9	90	56	0.00	1.11	0.33	142
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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