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Field Crops

Cotton planting was just over half complete at 55 percent, ahead of last year at 46 percent and ahead of the 5-year average of 42 percent. Arizona's alfalfa conditions remained in excellent to fair condition, depending on location. Harvesting occurred on over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. The State's durum wheat condition was mostly good and last week's barley ranged from fair to excellent condition, depending on location.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

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

Western Arizona growers shipped cauliflower, cilantro, kale, parsley, spinach, Swiss chard and various lettuces including Boston, iceberg, red leaf, green leaf, and romaine.

Range and Pasture

Winds were drying out the moisture needed to sustain rangeland and pastures in the coming months throughout the State. Pasture areas were in good to poor condition, depending on location.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	2	20	53	25
Range and Pasture	13	20	34	30	3

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Planted	55	35	46	42

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly below normal across the State for the week ending April 21, 2013, ranging from 5 degrees below normal at Canyon De Chelley, Coolidge and Parker to 3 degrees above normal at Phoenix and Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 98 degrees recorded in Bullhead City. The

lowest reading was 7 degrees at the Grand Canyon. Two out of the 22 weather stations recorded precipitation last week. Winslow received the least precipitation at .01 inches and St. Johns received the most at 0.04 inches. Only four weather stations have received above normal precipitation to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
April 15, 2013 - April 21, 2013								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	61	-3	89	38	0.00	1.74	-2.00	47
Buckeye	65	-2	93	41	0.00	1.98	-0.47	81
Bullhead City	70	-3	98	40	0.00	0.77	-2.27	25
Canyon De Chelly	48	-5	72	18	0.00	1.61	-0.79	67
Coolidge	62	-5	89	39	0.00	2.82	-0.13	96
Douglas	60	-1	83	31	0.00	1.08	-0.69	61
Flagstaff	41	-2	64	14	0.00	5.00	-2.80	64
Grand Canyon	41	2	69	7	0.00	0.68	-7.20	9
Kingman	57	-2	79	33	0.00	1.18	-2.19	35
Maricopa	67	-2	93	40	0.00	2.05	-0.58	78
Paloma	65	-3	94	39	0.00	1.36	-1.24	52
Parker	66	-5	94	40	0.00	0.71	-1.34	35
Payson	52	-1	75	25	0.00	7.28	0.16	102
Phoenix	73	3	91	57	0.00	2.61	0.16	107
Prescott	52	3	74	29	0.00	2.47	-3.05	45
Roll	64	-4	95	38	0.00	0.42	-0.50	46
Safford	62	0	87	34	0.00	0.58	-1.43	29
St. Johns	51	-3	73	24	0.04	1.45	-1.06	58
Tucson	68	2	88	42	0.00	1.74	-0.76	70
Willcox	58	0	82	31	0.00	0.82	-1.58	34
Winslow	52	-2	76	19	0.01	1.80	0.11	107
Yuma	71	-2	93	53	0.00	1.11	0.19	121

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

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