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Field Crops

Cotton planting continues throughout the State and is 65 percent complete, ahead of last year at 62 percent and ahead of the 5-year average of 58 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 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 last week.

Western Arizona growers shipped kale and parsley.

Range and Pasture

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

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	2	19	50	29
Range and Pasture	29	23	32	15	1

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Planted	65	55	62	58

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending April 28, 2013, ranging from 2 degrees below normal at Parker to 8 degrees above normal at Phoenix, Prescott, and Tucson. The highest temperature of the week was 104 degrees recorded in Bullhead City.

The lowest reading was 16 degrees at the Grand Canyon. Only one of the 22 weather stations recorded precipitation last week. Prescott received 0.01 inches. Only four of the 22 weather stations have received above normal precipitation to date in 2013.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
April 22, 2013 - April 28, 2013								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	69	4	96	48	0.00	1.74	-2.07	46
Buckeye	72	3	98	51	0.00	1.98	-0.47	81
Bullhead City	77	4	104	50	0.00	0.77	-2.27	25
Canyon De Chelly	54	0	79	23	0.00	1.73	-0.81	68
Coolidge	70	2	97	46	0.00	2.82	-0.20	93
Douglas	68	6	88	44	0.00	1.08	-0.76	59
Flagstaff	48	4	71	22	0.00	5.00	-3.08	62
Grand Canyon	46	6	75	16	0.00	0.68	-7.41	8
Kingman	65	6	87	37	0.00	1.18	-2.27	34
Maricopa	74	4	98	50	0.00	2.05	-0.63	76
Paloma	72	3	102	49	0.00	1.36	-1.26	52
Parker	71	-2	100	43	0.00	0.71	-1.34	35
Payson	56	3	81	35	0.00	7.28	-0.03	100
Phoenix	80	8	97	64	0.00	2.61	0.16	107
Prescott	59	8	79	36	0.01	2.48	-3.18	44
Roll	71	3	101	47	0.00	0.42	-0.50	46
Safford	68	5	90	45	0.00	0.58	-1.46	28
St. Johns	57	4	79	28	0.00	1.45	-1.13	56
Tucson	75	8	93	54	0.00	1.74	-0.83	68
Willcox	65	7	88	40	0.00	0.82	-1.65	33
Winslow	58	3	84	28	0.00	1.80	0.04	102
Yuma	79	6	100	63	0.00	1.11	0.19	121
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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