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Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Field Crops

Arizona's alfalfa condition was rated in poor to excellent condition, depending on location. Harvesting occurred on over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Sheep continue to graze on various alfalfa fields in many areas. Barley conditions are mostly fair to excellent. Winter wheat conditions are very poor to excellent, depending on location and 56 percent of the crop is planted, 24 percentage points behind last year and 20 percentage points behind the 5 year-average.

Central Arizona growers shipped Bok Choy, broccoli, cilantro, green and red cabbage, Chinese cabbage, kale, lemons, and parsley last week.

Western Arizona growers shipped anise, arugula, broccoli, Bok Choy, green and red cabbage, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, cilantro, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, parsley, radicchio, spinach and various lettuce including Boston, iceberg, romaine, green and red leaf lettuce last week.

Range and Pasture

Range conditions continue to be dry throughout the State, with depleting moisture levels. Range and Pastures were rated in very poor to good condition, depending on location.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	5	13	21	35	26
Range and Pasture	43	17	25	15	0

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending February 23, 2014, ranging from 4 degrees above normal at Parker and 10 degrees above normal at Phoenix, Prescott, and Tucson. The highest temperature of the week was 88 degrees recorded at

various locations. The lowest reading was 12 degrees at the Grand Canyon. None of the twenty-two weather stations recorded precipitation last week. Eleven of the 22 weather stations have received precipitation to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
February 17, 2014 - February 23, 2014								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	58	5	81	35	0.00	0.00	-2.37	0
Buckeye	62	7	87	39	0.00	0.00	-1.20	0
Bullhead City	65	6	88	40	0.00	0.07	-1.67	4
Canyon De Chelly	44	6	65	16	0.00	0.11	-1.07	9
Coolidge	59	5	86	34	0.00	0.00	-1.54	0
Douglas	56	7	83	27	0.00	0.00	-1.19	0
Flagstaff	39	8	60	19	0.00	0.29	-3.44	8
Grand Canyon	36	9	63	12	0.00	0.29	-3.92	7
Kingman	53	7	76	31	0.00	0.22	-1.39	14
Maricopa	61	6	87	36	0.00	0.00	-1.39	0
Paloma	61	5	86	36	0.00	0.00	-1.40	0
Parker	61	4	87	38	0.00	0.00	-1.38	0
Payson	47	5	70	25	0.00	0.08	-3.46	2
Phoenix	68	10	88	50	0.00	0.00	-1.20	0
Prescott	49	10	69	28	0.00	0.05	-2.72	2
Roll	61	5	88	36	0.00	0.00	-0.57	0
Safford	57	9	82	33	0.00	0.00	-1.23	0
St. Johns	45	6	72	19	0.00	0.11	-1.02	10
Tucson	65	10	86	43	0.00	0.01	-1.41	1
Willcox	54	8	81	27	0.00	0.01	-1.55	1
Winslow	46	7	74	19	0.00	0.02	-0.85	2
Yuma	70	9	88	52	0.00	0.00	-0.57	0

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

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