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## 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 57 percent of the crop is planted, 27 percentage points behind last year and 21 percentage points behind the 5-year average.

## Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

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

Warm temperatures continue to deteriorate range conditions throughout the State, with little to no new forage. 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	12	21	36	26
Range and Pasture	43	17	24	15	1

## Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending March 2, 2014, ranging from 3 degrees above normal at Aguila, Bullhead City, and Roll to 10 degrees above normal at the Grand Canyon, Prescott, and Winslow. The highest temperature of the week was 85 degrees recorded at Paloma. The lowest reading was 15 degrees at the Grand Canyon. All of the

twenty-two weather stations recorded precipitation last week. Yuma and Bullhead City received the least precipitation at 0.07 inches and Payson received the most at 1.72 inches. Ten of the 22 weather stations have received precipitation more than 50 percent of normal precipitation to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
February 24, 2014 - March 2, 2014								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	56	3	77	37	0.43	0.43	-2.27	16
Buckeye	62	5	83	42	0.76	0.76	-0.65	54
Bullhead City	64	3	84	40	0.07	0.14	-1.88	7
Canyon De Chelly	46	7	64	25	1.23	1.34	-0.02	99
Coolidge	60	4	82	38	0.97	0.97	-0.84	54
Douglas	58	9	79	38	0.42	0.42	-0.87	33
Flagstaff	41	9	59	21	1.44	1.73	-2.56	40
Grand Canyon	38	10	60	15	0.52	0.81	-3.96	17
Kingman	54	7	72	35	0.33	0.55	-1.30	30
Maricopa	63	7	82	42	1.14	1.14	-0.46	71
Paloma	63	5	85	44	0.27	0.27	-1.38	16
Parker	63	4	83	44	0.44	0.44	-1.08	29
Payson	47	5	68	27	1.72	1.80	-2.28	44
Phoenix	68	9	84	53	0.99	0.99	-0.42	70
Prescott	50	10	68	30	0.63	0.68	-2.51	21
Roll	61	3	81	41	0.34	0.34	-0.25	58
Safford	58	9	78	40	0.74	0.74	-0.63	54
St. Johns	48	8	67	24	0.58	0.69	-0.61	53
Tucson	64	9	82	47	0.58	0.59	-1.04	36
Willcox	56	9	79	38	1.24	1.25	-0.45	74
Winslow	51	10	71	26	0.99	1.01	0.00	100
Yuma	69	7	83	50	0.07	0.07	-0.52	12

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

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