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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 alfalfa fields in many areas. Barley conditions are fair to excellent. Durum Wheat conditions are fair to mostly excellent with 100 percent planted, 5 percentage points ahead of last year and 5-year-average. Winter Wheat conditions are poor to excellent, depending on location, and 91 percent of the crop is planted, 6 percentage points ahead of last year and 5 percentage points ahead of the 5-year-average. Cotton planting is 11 percent complete, 8 percentage points behind last year, but the same as the 5-year average. This week there were 7 days suitable for field work.

Moisture Conditions

	Subsoil Moisture	Topsoil Moisture
	- Percent -	
Very Short	0	0
Short	44	44
Adequate	56	56
Surplus	0	0

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

Range conditions continue to dry out throughout the State, as more moisture is needed to promote 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	6	11	22	33	28
Barley	1	0	28	55	16
Durum Wheat	0	0	8	37	55
Range and Pasture	43	17	23	16	1
Winter Wheat	0	9	10	49	32

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Barley, Emerged	89	65	99	99
Cotton, Planted	11	N/A	19	11
Durum Wheat, Planted	100	100	95	95
Winter Wheat, Planted	91	57	85	86

N/A – Not Available

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
March 17, 2014 - March 23, 2014								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	59	2	83	37	0.00	0.43	-2.91	13
Buckeye	65	4	86	43	0.00	0.76	-1.28	37
Bullhead City	64	-1	87	40	0.00	0.24	-2.46	9
Canyon De Chelly	44	-1	68	12	0.00	1.34	-0.56	71
Coolidge	61	1	86	36	0.00	0.97	-1.48	40
Douglas	58	5	81	27	0.00	0.44	-1.13	28
Flagstaff	40	4	61	11	0.00	1.74	-4.35	29
Grand Canyon	37	6	64	4	0.00	0.81	-5.71	12
Kingman	55	5	77	30	0.00	0.55	-2.10	21
Maricopa	64	3	86	40	0.00	1.14	-1.09	51
Paloma	64	3	87	35	0.00	0.27	-1.97	12
Parker	65	2	94	35	0.00	0.44	-1.37	24
Payson	49	3	68	27	0.00	1.83	-3.92	32
Phoenix	70	8	87	54	0.00	0.99	-1.05	49
Prescott	50	8	70	29	0.00	0.68	-3.80	15
Roll	62	-3	87	35	0.00	0.34	-0.44	44
Safford	57	3	79	34	0.00	0.42	-1.35	24
St. Johns	46	2	71	19	0.00	0.75	-1.18	39
Tucson	65	6	84	47	0.00	0.59	-1.54	28
Willcox	55	4	77	31	0.00	1.25	-0.87	59
Winslow	48	3	74	20	0.00	1.01	-0.42	71
Yuma	71	7	92	54	0.00	0.07	-0.71	9

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

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