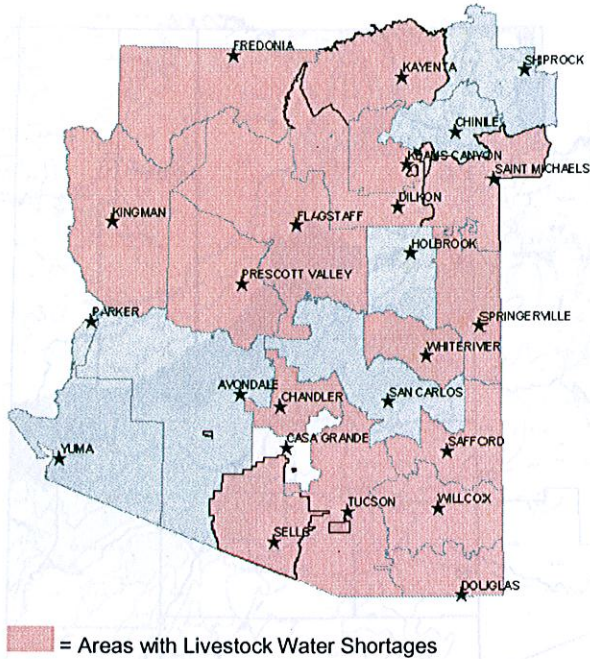




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**Offices Reporting Livestock Water Shortages**

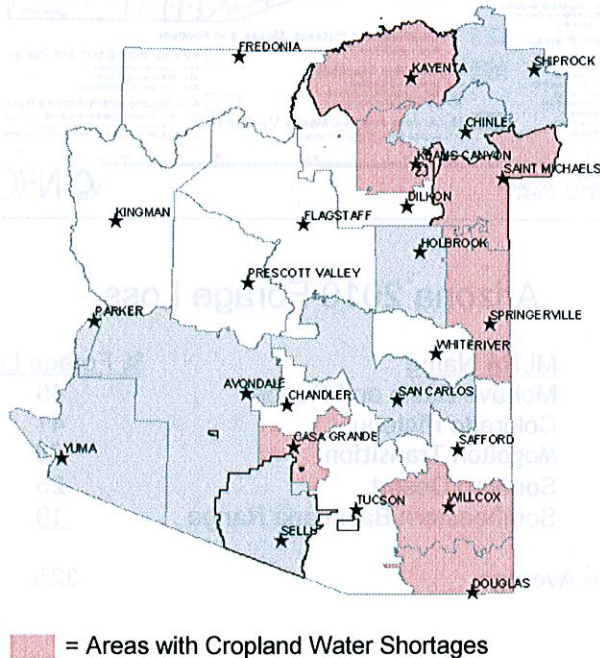


**2011 Outlook**

As part of the report, NRCS Field Offices were asked to assess the outlook for forage production for the 2011 spring season. The offices indicated only 64% of normal forage production would occur. With current conditions indicating drought it is probable that available forage is even less than the estimate submitted in February.

In addition to forage production loss, livestock water shortages were reported from most of the offices throughout the state. Dirt ponds, water harvesting catchments, springs, and wells were all impacted by water shortages and in many cases livestock operators are relying on water hauling.

**Offices Reporting Impacted Irrigated Cropland**



Several Field Offices reported irrigation water shortages due to drought conditions. Crop production losses ranging from 10 to 80 percent were expected. Crops affected include corn, cotton, melons, squash, beans, small grains, alfalfa, nut orchards, and irrigated pasture. Affected water sources included wells, direct diversion from streams, and reservoirs.