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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 24, 2008

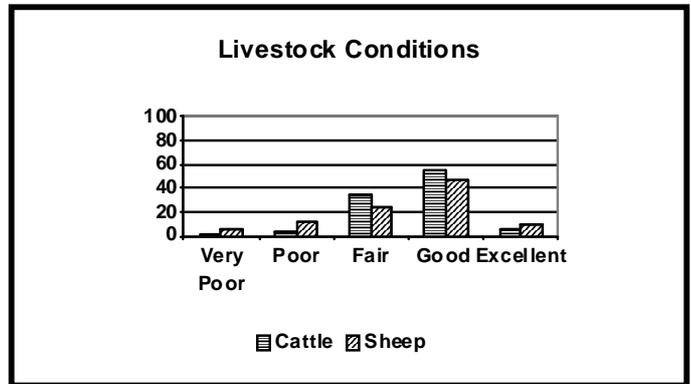
NEW MEXICO: There were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 5% very short, 35% short, 58% adequate, and 2% surplus. Wind damage was 11% light and 4% moderate. Hail damage was 3% light, 1% moderate and 2% severe. Alfalfa was mostly good with the fourth cutting 77% complete and the fifth cutting 18% complete. Cotton was mostly good with 90% setting bolls and 3% opening bolls. Corn ranged from fair to excellent with 74% dough and 28% dent. Irrigated sorghum was mostly good with 15% coloring and 1% mature. Dry sorghum was mostly fair with 60% headed and 35% coloring. Peanuts were mostly fair with 80% pegging. Lettuce was 90% planted. Chiles were mostly good with 57% green harvested. Apples were mostly fair to good. Pecans were mostly good. Cattle were mostly good. Sheep were mostly good to fair. Range and pastures were mostly good to fair.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE (Green)	Harvested	57	43	35	39
CORN	Dough	74	58	71	86
CORN	Dent	28	15	39	42
COTTON	Setting Bolls	90	80	99	96
COTTON	Bolls Opening	3	1	7	13
LETTUCE	Planted	90	80	76	81
PEANUTS	Pegging	90	80	97	99
SORGHUM (Total)	Coloring	28	19	13	8
SORGHUM (ALL)	Headed	74	66	40	54

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	1	29	61	9
Chile	---	4	22	67	7
Corn	---	1	23	41	35
Cotton	---	---	28	59	13
Peanuts	---	10	73	13	4
Pecan	---	1	2	83	14
Sorghum (All)	---	7	65	26	2
Cattle	1	4	34	56	5
Sheep	6	11	25	48	10
Range/Pasture	5	12	35	36	12

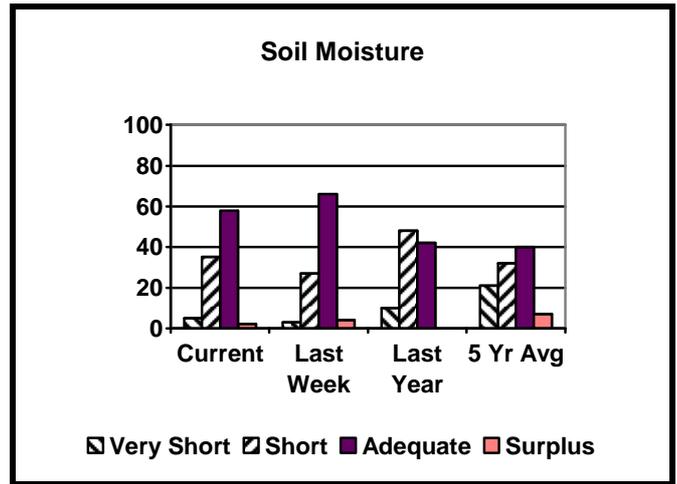


Additional Comments:

Valencia: Tornado and hail occurred in parts of the county on Sunday the 17 of August. Many producers in the Belen area experienced severe and total crop loss on vegetables including corn, chile, tomatoes and hay. **Colfax:** Fewer scattered showers. **De Baca:** Alfalfa into end of 5th cutting after rain has prevented of bailing activity. **Guadalupe:** Pasture and Livestock conditions are also greatly improved. No rains or showers this week. Daytime temperatures have been really hot the last part of week. Farmers are baling hay and picking their crops. Ranchers have taken a break from feeding and hauling water. **Quay:** Rain provided some relieve for some areas in the county, but some of the county is still very dry. **Catron/Socorro:** Hail was received in Socorro county causing damage to chile, corn and hay crops. Some damage was scattered but severe, wiping out whole fields of chile. Much hay has been rained on. Some areas are very green and other areas remain dry with only short grass growth. **Dona Ana:** In irrigation, cutting bailing alfalfa, harvesting green chile, bed prep for onion and lettuce. Cattle weights are up, water is plentiful, and good weight calves. The farmers still working on erosion control on gullies next to farms. Conditions seem to be ideal for agriculture. **Lea:** Rain received last Sunday was generally widespread in the northern parts of the county with the southern half of the county remaining dry. Range conditions have improved only slightly in southern from conditions seen during last winter. All crop progress is slower than usual this year due to the early harsh weather. Sorghum and cotton crops are pushing to catch up before fall.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	17	30	50	3
Northeast	3	40	55	2
Southwest	---	75	25	---
Southeast	---	17	82	1
State Current	5	35	58	2
State-Last Week	3	27	66	4
State-Last Year	10	48	42	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	21	32	40	7



WEATHER SUMMARY

Moist cool conditions early in the week gave way to another dry heat wave that started on Thursday and Friday. Maximum temperatures continued to stay at or above 90 degrees for most of the state on Saturday before dipping back down on Sunday. Data was missing for part or all of the week from sites in Capulin, Los Alamos, Red River, Socorro, Ruidoso, and Animas.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – AUGUST 18 - 24, 2008

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 18-Aug - 24-Aug	Month 01-Aug - 24-Aug	Accum. 1-Jan - 24-Aug	Normal Aug	Normal Jan-Aug
Northwest								
Albuquerque	76.1	95	59	0.00	0.78	5.75	1.64	6.06
Chama	60.9	87	33	0.06	1.31	13.21	2.82	13.90
Farlington	73.1	92	53	0.00	0.65	4.23	1.05	5.36
Gallup	69.5	90	43	0.01	0.69	8.56	2.26	8.36
Grants	66.6	92	38	0.01	0.13	4.68	2.16	6.95
Johnson Ranch	66.5	90	41	0.00	0.18	4.57	2.29	7.72
Los Alamos	0.0	0	0	0.00	3.66	9.93	3.52	13.18
Red River	53.3	74	33	0.13	1.06	6.85	3.10	15.03
Santa Fe	70.6	95	47	0.02	0.91	6.13	2.39	10.03
Northeast								
Capulin	0.0	0	0	0.00	1.41	11.85	2.56	13.08
Clayton	69.6	94	53	0.08	5.01	10.58	2.61	11.61
Clovis	70.6	91	56	0.00	1.16	7.38	3.17	12.74
Las Vegas	63.6	87	46	0.19	4.09	11.83	4.27	13.87
Moriarty	67.3	91	47	0.00	0.25	6.11	2.69	9.06
Raton	67.4	94	46	0.00	2.94	8.55	3.21	13.03
Roy	65.8	89	49	0.16	4.46	10.96	2.81	11.84
Tucumcari	72.9	95	55	0.00	1.23	14.35	2.41	10.98
Southwest								
Animas	76.2	94	58	0.00	2.65	7.68	2.34	7.08
Deming	76.4	95	58	0.61	1.35	9.14	2.05	6.48
Gran Quivira	67.2	88	48	0.15	6.52	12.65	3.27	10.79
Quemado	66.0	86	44	0.00	0.34	6.34	3.12	9.68
Socorro	70.7	85	54	0.07	2.42	4.96	1.90	5.84
T or C	75.5	94	58	0.04	0.50	6.37	2.15	6.59
Southeast								
Alamogordo	76.6	93	60	0.00	1.71	7.84	2.41	7.92
Carlsbad	77.4	98	63	0.00	0.61	5.91	2.25	7.99
Carrizozo	69.5	90	51	0.00	0.50	5.15	2.69	8.24
Las Cruces	77.6	93	63	0.18	0.77	6.91	2.29	5.92
Roswell	73.9	95	59	0.00	1.32	5.94	2.03	8.77
Ruidoso	63.5	84	48	0.02	2.35	16.29	4.04	15.03
Tatum	71.5	91	59	0.29	1.81	9.26	2.48	11.17

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction - All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.