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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 7, 2008

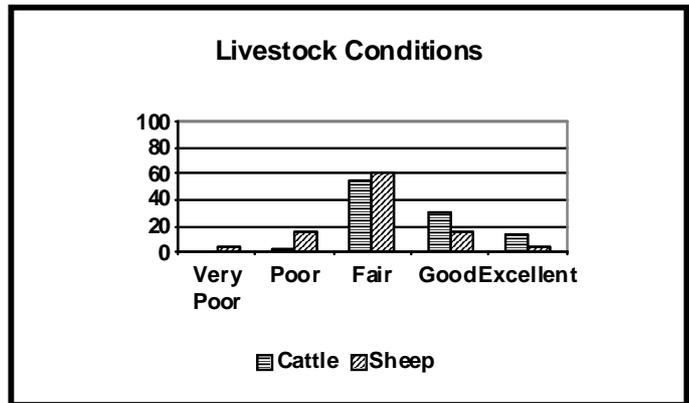
NEW MEXICO: Farmers were busy irrigating cotton, corn and preparing for another alfalfa cutting. Alfalfa was mostly good with the fourth cutting 89% complete and the fifth cutting 35% complete. Cotton was mostly good with 19% of bolls open. Corn was mostly good with 88% in the dough stage and 48% dent. Irrigated sorghum was mostly good with 30% coloring and 3% mature. Dry sorghum was mostly poor to fair with 72% headed and 50% coloring. Irrigated winter wheat was mostly good with 40% planted. Dry winter wheat was mostly fair to poor with 50% planted. Chiles were mostly good with 73% of the green harvest complete. Peanuts were mostly fair. Pecans were mostly good. Ranchers were harvesting and baling alfalfa and other hays. Cattle were mostly fair. Sheep were mostly fair. Range and pastures were mostly good to fair. There were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 11% very short, 28% short, 57% adequate, and 4% surplus. Wind damage was 16% light and 5% moderate.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE (Green)	Harvested	73	70	63	69
CORN	Dough	88	85	99	100
CORN	Dent	48	47	52	71
COTTON	Opening Bolls	19	7	29	29
SORGHUM (ALL)	Headed	82	81	48	71
SORGHUM (ALL)	Coloring	43	38	38	28
SORGHUM (ALL)	Mature	1	1	4	4
WHEAT	Planted	46	N/A	24	37

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	2	25	68	5
Chile	---	4	15	67	14
Corn	---	---	14	63	23
Cotton	---	---	24	59	17
Peanuts	---	---	83	13	4
Pecan	---	---	2	65	33
Sorghum (All)	---	31	33	35	1
Cattle	---	2	54	31	13
Sheep	5	15	60	15	5
Range/Pasture	5	9	36	39	11

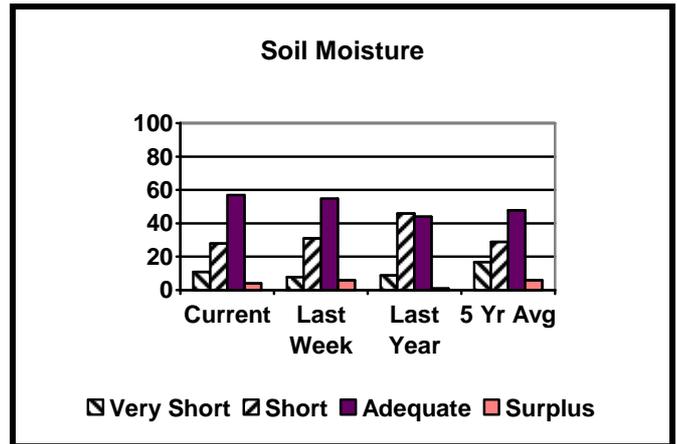


Additional Comments:

Santa Fe: Daily wind was continuing to dry out surface ground moisture. **Curry:** They have not received any type of moisture this week. Evenings and early mornings were very cool. **Quay:** No rainfall this week. **Catron/Socorro:** Hay was getting rained on, but yields were good. Some rain showers were continuing in various areas throughout the two counties, however, a few ranches remained dry with out much green or growth. Many areas are quite lush.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	16	37	45	2
Northeast	17	35	45	3
Southwest	---	25	75	---
Southeast	---	10	81	9
State Current	11	28	57	4
State-Last Week	8	31	55	6
State-Last Year	9	46	44	1
State-5-Yr Avg.	17	29	48	6



WEATHER SUMMARY

THE WEEK BEGINS WITH SOME RAIN IN THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO...CHAMA REPORTED 1.00 INCH AND LAS CRUCES 0.92 INCHES SOME MINOR FLOODING NEAR TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES AND JEMEZ RIVER NEAR SAN SIDRO. A STRONG COLD FRONT MOVE INTO THE NORTHEAST ON TUESDAY MORNING BUT WITH DRY AIR. HIGH TEMPERATURES WERE SLIGHTLY BELOW AVERAGE THROUGH WEDNESDAY BEFORE RETURNING TO SEASONAL NORMS THURSDAY. SOME FREEZING TEMPERATURES WERE REPORTED FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MORNING IN THE NORTHERN MOUNTAINS.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – SEPTEMBER 1 - 7, 2008

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 01-Sept - 07-Sept	Month 01-Sept - 07-Sept	Accum. 1-Jan - 07-Sept	Normal Sept	Normal Jan-Sept
Northwest								
Albuquerque	72.1	90	55	0.00	0.00	6.01	1.00	7.06
Chama	55.5	79	32	1.03	1.03	16.68	2.23	16.13
Farmington	67.7	87	47	0.00	0.00	4.29	0.97	6.33
Gallup	63.6	86	37	0.35	0.35	9.59	1.31	9.67
Grants	63.6	88	37	0.09	0.09	5.21	1.56	8.51
Johnson Ranch	65.5	85	33	0.00	0.00	5.40	1.33	9.05
Los Alamos	62.4	79	48	0.00	0.00	10.16	2.12	15.30
Red River	52.4	75	29	0.15	0.15	7.40	1.66	16.69
Santa Fe	66.3	87	45	0.08	0.08	8.26	1.51	11.54
Northeast								
Capulin	58.7	78	40	0.15	0.15	13.01	2.22	15.30
Clayton	65.4	85	48	0.00	0.00	10.60	1.77	13.38
Clovis	69.3	89	53	0.34	0.34	7.72	2.16	14.90
Las Vegas	61.1	82	43	0.07	0.07	12.96	2.40	16.27
Moriarty	63.3	85	40	0.12	0.12	7.12	1.61	10.67
Raton	64.0	88	43	0.11	0.11	9.21	1.61	14.64
Roy	62.3	88	44	0.00	0.00	10.96	1.90	13.74
Tucumcari	71.6	94	50	0.02	0.02	14.43	1.47	12.45
Southwest								
Animas	73.3	91	55	0.10	0.10	8.05	1.68	8.76
Deming	73.1	91	55	0.60	0.60	10.38	1.63	8.11
Gran Quivira	64.9	85	48	0.55	0.55	13.69	1.95	12.74
Quemado	63.8	88	37	0.00	0.00	6.50	1.73	11.41
Socorro	69.6	88	51	0.59	0.59	5.75	1.53	7.37
T or C	72.6	90	57	0.01	0.01	7.97	1.08	7.67
Southeast								
Alamogordo	73.4	90	58	1.23	1.23	9.26	1.99	9.91
Carlsbad	75.5	94	60	0.85	0.85	7.14	2.75	10.74
Carrizozo	66.7	86	49	0.00	0.00	6.31	1.88	10.12
Las Cruces	74.9	91	61	1.02	1.02	8.79	1.36	7.28
Roswell	71.9	91	55	0.03	0.03	6.45	1.87	10.64
Ruidoso	61.6	79	44	0.33	0.33	17.47	2.50	17.53
Tatum	72.2	90	50	0.07	0.07	9.80	2.36	13.53

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