



# Weekly Ag Update

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Crop Weather

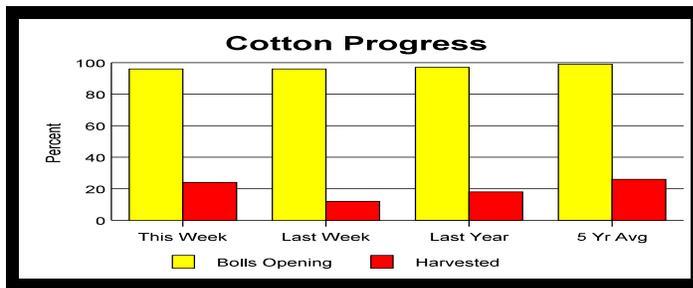
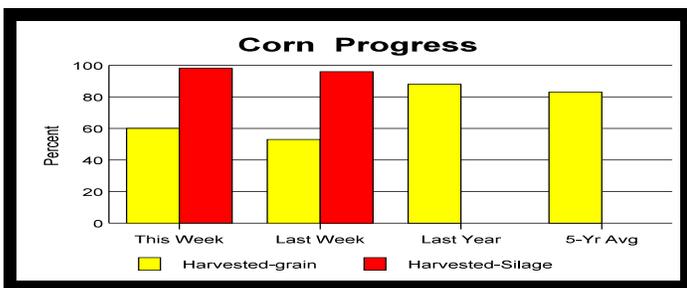
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### CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 29, 2006

**NEW MEXICO:** There were 6.4 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 8% very short, 22% short, 60% adequate and 10% surplus. Wind damage was 13% light and 1% moderate. Freeze damage was reported as 18% light, 24% moderate and 3% severe. Hail damage was reported as 1% light and 1% moderate. Farmers spent the week harvesting various crops, drying and preparing fields. Alfalfa was reported as 1% very poor, 4% poor, 31% fair, 23% good and 41% excellent, with 100% of the fifth cutting complete, 76% of the sixth cutting complete and 22% of the seventh cutting complete. Irrigated sorghum was reported as 86% mature and 9% harvested for grain. Dry sorghum condition was reported as 84% mature. Total sorghum condition was reported as 85% mature and 3% harvested. Irrigated winter wheat condition was reported as mostly fair to excellent with 99% emerged. Dry winter wheat condition was reported as mostly fair to good with 100% emerged. Total winter wheat condition was reported as 1% poor, 43% fair, 49% good and 7% excellent with 100% emerged. Peanuts were reported as 84% harvested. Lettuce condition was reported as fair to excellent. Onion conditions were reported as 12% fair, 37% good and 51% excellent with 96% planted. Pecan conditions were reported as fair to excellent. Cotton was reported as 9% poor, 52% fair, 26% good and 13% excellent with 96% bolls opening and 24% harvested. Chile condition was reported as 54% poor, 19% fair and 27% good. Red chile was reported as 59% harvested. Corn was reported as 60% harvested for grain and 98% harvested for silage. Cattle conditions were reported at 1% poor, 10% fair, 69% good and 20% excellent. Sheep conditions were reported as 4% very poor, 7% poor, 13% fair, 61% good and 15% excellent. Range and pasture conditions were reported as 8% very poor, 12% poor, 18% fair, 46% good and 16% excellent. Ranchers are moving cattle to winter pasture and shipping calves.

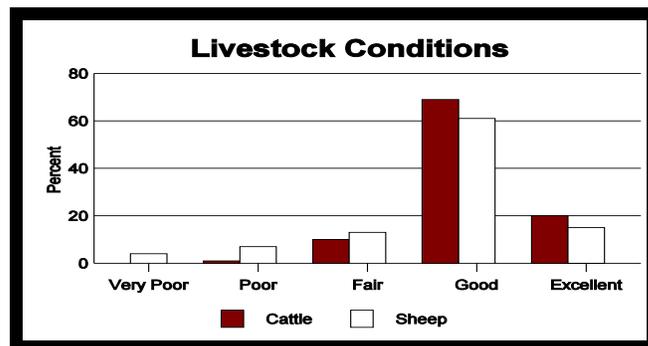
### CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Harvested-red	59	47	52	48
CORN	Harvested-grain	60	53	88	83
CORN	Harvested-Silage	98	96	N/A	N/A
COTTON	Bolls Opening	96	96	97	99
COTTON	Harvested	24	12	18	26
ONIONS	Planted	96	86	98	94
PEANUTS	Harvested	84	61	58	57
SORGHUM	Harvested	3	1	15	23
SORGHUM	Mature	85	39	66	69



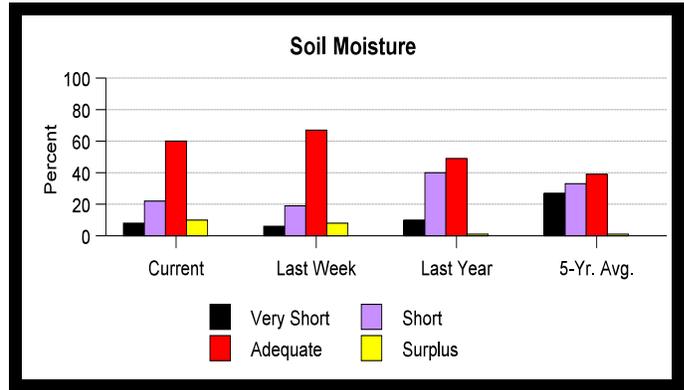
### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	4	31	23	41
Chile	---	54	19	27	---
Cotton	---	9	52	26	13
Lettuce	---	---	20	35	45
Pecans	---	---	11	84	5
Cattle	---	1	10	69	20
Sheep	4	7	13	61	15
Range/Pasture	8	12	18	46	16



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	11	26	43	20
Northeast	15	13	70	2
Southwest	---	7	77	16
Southeast	---	47	53	---
State Current	8	22	60	10
State-Last Week	6	19	67	8
State-Last Year	10	40	49	1
State-5-Yr Avg.	27	33	39	1



WEATHER SUMMARY

Cool autumn weather prevailed over New Mexico during the week, with temperatures averaging 6 degrees below normal. Storm system that hammered Colorado brushed New Mexico around mid-week, producing some snow in the mountains and light rain and snow showers at lower elevations. Capulin/Des Moines (.77") measured the greatest amount of precipitation.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - OCTOBER 23 - 29, 2006

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	10/23 10/29	10/01 10/29	Normal Oct	01/01 10/29	Normal Jan-Oct
Farmington	46.1	66	24	0.16	1.90	0.85	8.23	7.18
Gallup	43.3	65	22	0.31	3.15	1.29	12.82	10.96
Capulin	42.4	69	20	0.77	0.77	0.97	14.87	16.27
Chama	42.4	65	19	0.50	3.64	1.96	19.76	18.09
Johnson Ranch	41.6	67	15	0.00	1.67	1.11	11.40	10.16
Las Vegas	47.3	71	25	0.00	1.63	1.51	16.16	17.78
Los Alamos	42.9	62	24	0.11	2.84	1.32	12.82	16.62
Raton	45.9	72	23	0.00	0.78	0.97	12.98	15.61
Red River	35.6	61	9	0.30	2.20	1.46	20.55	18.15
Santa Fe	46.0	68	26	0.09	1.65	1.04	14.23	12.58
Clayton	52.6	80	30	0.10	0.67	0.90	13.89	14.28
Clovis	55.0	78	33	0.00	1.57	1.34	13.76	16.24
Roy	48.8	73	25	0.00	0.58	1.05	14.37	14.79
Tucumcari	55.0	80	31	0.00	1.26	0.94	15.29	13.39
Grants	45.4	72	22	0.24	2.36	1.05	11.75	9.56
Quemado	44.4	70	17	0.37	1.92	1.18	12.62	12.59
Albuquerque	50.5	67	35	0.00	1.70	0.89	11.54	7.95
Carrizozo	0.0	0	0	0.00	2.78	1.19	12.58	11.31
Socorro	50.9	71	28	0.07	2.99	1.11	13.67	8.48
Gran Quivera	47.6	68	26	0.07	1.75	1.27	17.50	14.01
Moriarty	44.3	71	19	0.00	1.71	1.10	13.73	11.77
Ruidoso	47.4	68	23	0.01	3.70	1.31	30.80	18.84
Carlsbad	57.9	82	32	0.08	0.68	1.05	12.67	11.79
Roswell	52.7	77	31	0.00	1.82	1.19	15.38	11.83
Tatum	53.1	77	30	0.01	1.97	1.49	19.85	15.02
Alamogordo	56.3	71	39	0.17	2.86	1.30	15.97	11.21
Animas	56.8	73	35	0.38	2.22	1.15	12.59	9.91
Deming	55.3	74	32	0.21	1.57	0.98	12.37	9.09
Las Cruces	56.9	75	36	0.59	2.40	0.91	13.85	8.19
T or C	53.9	72	35	0.09	2.16	0.95	11.04	8.62

(T) Trace (-) No Report (\*) Correction

All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.