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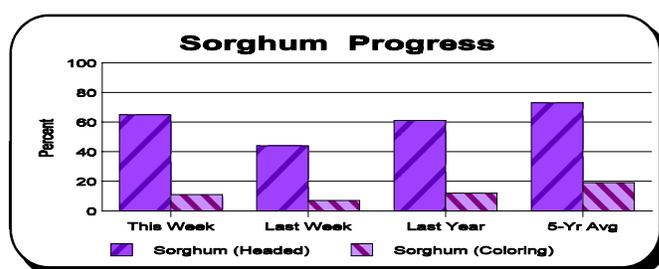
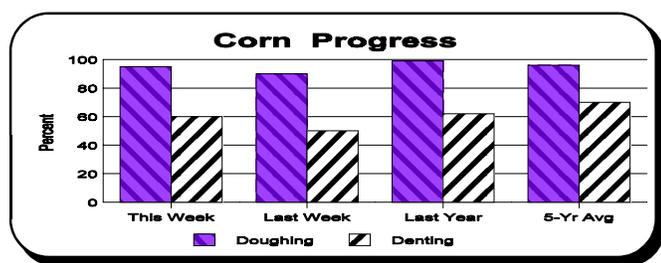
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 29, 2004

NEW MEXICO: There were 7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 10% very short, 35% short, 47% adequate, and 8% surplus. Farmers were busy with harvest preparations, irrigating, cutting hay, and harvesting chile and potatoes. General crop conditions had little affect by wind with 13% light and 5% moderate damage reported. Some hail damage occurred with 1% light and 6% moderate reported. Alfalfa was mostly fair to excellent with 89% of the 4th cutting complete and 37% of the 5th complete. Cotton conditions improved from moisture received earlier in the month, conditions were reported at 29% fair, 45% good, and 26% excellent. Bolls opening were at 10% as bolls setting neared completion. Corn conditions were stable with 60% of the crop denting and 17% of the crop matured. Corn silage harvest was well underway with 29% of the crop harvested and above average yields being reported. Sorghum conditions were mostly fair to good with reports indicating 65% of the crop headed, 11% coloring, and 2% matured. Peanuts were 38% fair, 48% good, and 14% excellent. Overall the chile crop has responded well to previous moisture and very good crops were expected with 64% of green chile harvested. Fall lettuce planting progress was at 90% complete. Ranchers spent the week upgrading pipelines and drinkers, and maintaining herds. Cattle conditions remained steady with reports showing 1% very poor, 12% poor, 28% fair, 44% good, and 15% excellent. Sheep conditions improved slightly with 4% very poor, 13% poor, 46% fair, 33% good, and 4% excellent. Reports indicated a slight decline in range and pasture conditions with 10% very poor, 22% poor, 34% fair, 26% good, and 8% excellent.

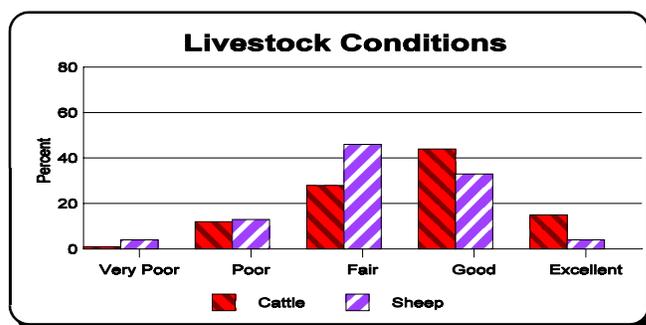
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Harvested-Green	64	41	56	50
CORN	Doughing	95	90	99	96
CORN	Denting	60	50	62	70
COTTON	Setting Bolls	98	96	99	100
LETTUCE	Planted	90	86	97	83
SORGHUM	Headed	65	44	61	73
SORGHUM	Coloring	11	7	12	19



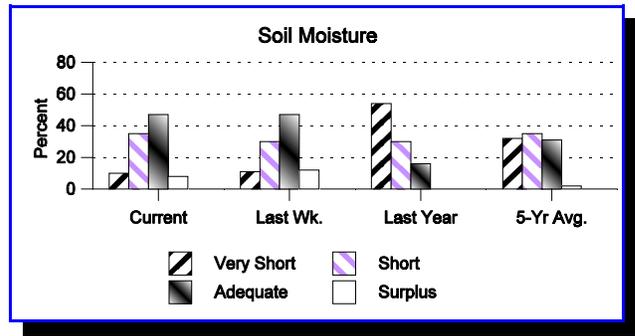
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	—	2	34	52	12
Apples	20	60	20	—	—
Chile	—	—	18	53	29
Corn	—	1	15	62	22
Cotton	—	—	29	45	26
Peanuts	—	—	38	48	14
Pecans	—	—	25	53	22
Sorghum	—	2	57	35	6
Cattle	1	12	28	44	15
Sheep	4	13	46	33	4
Range/Pasture	10	22	34	26	8



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	13	35	50	2
Northeast	4	25	70	1
Southwest	30	70	-	--
Southeast	6	30	39	25
State Current	10	35	47	8
State-Last Wk.	11	30	47	12
State-Last Year	54	30	16	--
State-5-Yr Avg.	32	35	31	2



WEATHER SUMMARY

Most of New Mexico experienced a dry week with temperatures normal to a few degrees below normal. About half the reporting stations measured some precipitation from hit and miss showers and thunderstorms, but all amounts were less than half an inch. Greatest totals included .35 inches at Raton, .26" at Carlsbad and .22" at Red River. Precipitation totals for the year have been updated to reflect latest data.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS AUGUST 23 - 29, 2004

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	08/23 08/29	08/01 08/29	Normal Aug	01/01 08/29	Normal Jan-Aug
Carlsbad	79.2	100	59	0.26	0.64	2.25	12.59	7.99
Tatum	74.4	94	57	0.00	1.62	2.48	15.29	11.17
Roswell	76.5	97	59	0.00	1.00	2.03	11.82	8.77
Clayton	68.5	87	49	0.03	5.67	2.61	22.79	11.61
Clovis	70.9	90	55	0.00	2.18	3.17	15.90	12.74
Roy	66.7	88	48	0.09	1.68	2.81	13.21	11.84
Tucumcari	72.1	95	53	0.02	3.61	2.41	13.47	10.98
Chama	57.1	81	36	0.00	1.27	2.82	10.25	13.90
Johnson Ranch	61.3	85	41	0.00	1.96	2.29	9.80	7.72
Capulin	60.3	79	43	0.09	4.70	2.56	18.69	13.08
Las Vegas	62.7	85	47	0.13	3.86	4.27	15.32	13.87
Los Alamos	64.6	79	48	0.00	1.79	3.52	12.25	13.18
Raton	61.7	84	44	0.35	6.28	3.21	20.77	13.03
Santa Fe	64.9	87	42	0.11	1.43	2.39	7.24	10.03
Red River	54.1	74	35	0.22	1.83	3.10	15.73	15.03
Farmington	68.7	91	48	T	0.12	1.05	4.38	5.36
Gallup	63.1	86	42	0.15	0.55	2.26	4.53	8.36
Grants	62.2	85	40	0.00	1.78	2.16	6.96	6.95
Silver City	66.9	86	48	0.00	4.03	3.09	13.15	10.64
Quemado	60.9	85	36	0.13	3.71	3.12	8.24	9.68
Albuquerque	72.8	90	52	T	0.20	1.64	8.00	6.06
Carrizozo	68.6	90	50	0.00	2.38	2.69	7.25	8.24
Gran Quivera	68.1	85	49	0.02	2.85	3.27	11.80	10.79
Moriarty	64.1	90	39	0.11	0.49	2.69	9.11	9.06
Ruidoso	62.5	80	46	0.02	6.25	4.04	16.74	15.03
Socorro	69.4	90	46	0.08	1.63	1.90	7.06	5.84
Alamogordo	78.5	93	62	0.00	1.66	2.41	6.34	7.92
Animas	75.7	94	55	0.00	3.19	2.34	10.47	7.08
Deming	75.3	94	57	0.00	1.72	2.05	7.85	6.48
T or C	74.6	94	56	0.03	1.27	2.15	5.90	6.59
Las Cruces	75.4	94	59	0.00	2.94	2.29	8.38	5.92

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

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