



# WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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### Crop Weather

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## CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 13, 2007

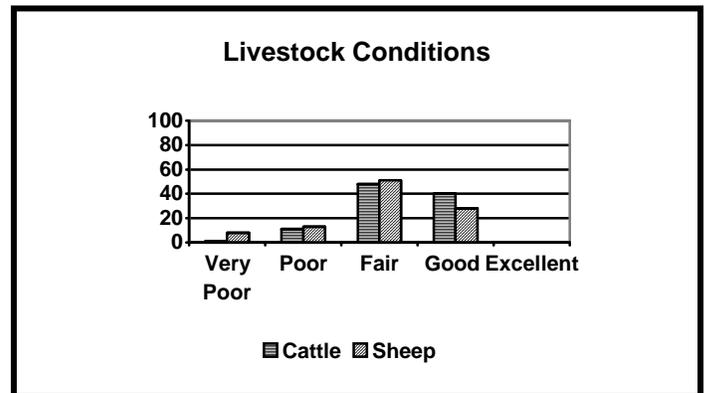
**NEW MEXICO:** There were 5.4 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 21% very short, 35% short, 42% adequate, and 2% surplus. Wind damage was 15% light and 5% moderate. Farmers spent the week cutting hay, as well as harvesting crops and weeding. Alfalfa was mostly fair to good, with 93% of second cutting complete and 30% of third cutting complete. Cotton was mostly fair to good, with 70% squaring and 22% setting bolls. Corn was mostly fair to good, with 15% silked. Total sorghum was mostly poor to fair, with 6% headed. Total winter wheat was 96% harvested. Peanuts were mostly fair with 50% pegged. Chile conditions were mostly good. Onions were 93% harvested. Apples were mostly fair to good. Pecans were mostly good. Cattle conditions were mostly fair to good. Sheep conditions were mostly fair to good. Range and pasture conditions were mostly poor to fair. Livestock producers have been busy culling herds and shipping cattle.

### CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
<b>CORN</b>	Silked	15	11	30	40
<b>COTTON</b>	Squaring	70	68	76	82
<b>COTTON</b>	Setting Bolls	22	20	22	24
<b>ONIONS</b>	Harvested	93	85	95	82
<b>PEANUTS</b>	Pegging	50	35	49	56
<b>SORGHUM (ALL)</b>	Headed	6	5	N/A	1
<b>WHEAT (ALL)</b>	Harvested	96	78	95	97

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

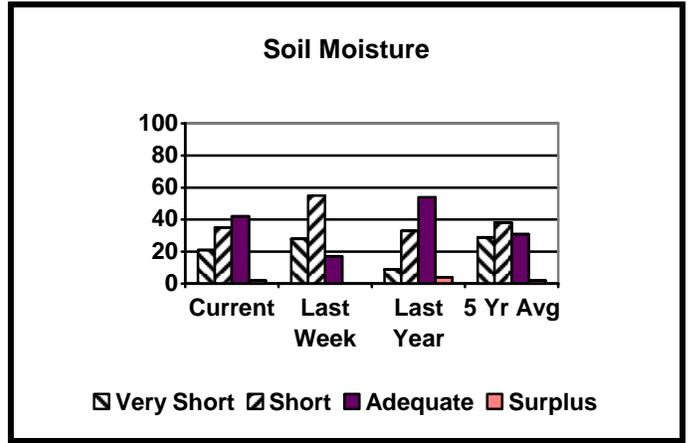
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	2	28	64	6
Chile	---	---	15	85	---
Corn	---	---	20	75	5
Cotton	---	4	41	49	6
Onions	---	---	---	100	---
Peanuts	---	10	83	7	---
Pecan	---	---	13	87	---
Sorghum (All)	4	25	56	14	1
Cattle	1	11	48	40	---
Sheep	8	13	51	28	---
Range/Pasture	15	42	33	10	---



**Comments from Reporters. Curry County:** Rains this week will benefit all crops and livestock, as well as range condition. Dryland conditions have been unfavorable, but will begin to recover. ... More rain is needed soon to improve expectations in the dryland sector. **De Baca County:** Recent rains have really helped out dry pastures. Native grass has started to green up and start growing. The ranchers are appreciative of the rains as it will give them relief from supplemental feeding... **Guadalupe County:** Received 3-4 inches of rain. Pasture conditions have already improved 100%. **Catron, Socorro, Chaves, Doña Ana Counties:** Many farmers did have hay on the ground and it was damaged.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	17	48	30	5
Northeast	26	34	40	---
Southwest	33	42	25	---
Southeast	3	16	78	3
State Current	21	35	42	2
State-Last Week	28	55	17	---
State-Last Year	9	33	54	4
State-5-Yr Avg.	29	38	31	2



WEATHER SUMMARY

For the week, temperatures were several degrees cooler than normal with widespread rain except in the extreme northwest corner of the state where drier conditions and near normal temperatures prevailed. Several sites reported over 2 inches of recipitation during the week including Tucumcari, Truth or Consequences, Las Cruces, Deming, Ruidoso and Carlsbad. Data was incomplete at Las Alamos, Red River, and Animas. Data was missing for Carrizozo.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – July 7 - 13, 2008

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 07-Jul - 13-Jul	Month 1-Jul - 13-Jul	Accum. 1-Jan - 13-Jul	Normal Jul	Normal Jan-Jul
<b>Northwest</b>								
Albuquerque	72.2	87	62	0.46	1.14	2.73	1.37	4.42
Chama	61.4	85	40	0.54	0.60	8.15	2.24	11.08
Farmington	74.4	90	57	0.00	0.39	3.44	0.94	4.31
Gallup	69.1	88	51	0.11	0.16	5.77	1.91	6.10
Grants	67.6	85	53	0.20	0.20	3.25	1.76	4.79
Johnson Ranch	66.1	86	47	0.79	0.79	3.56	1.66	5.43
Los Alamos	63.8	80	49	0.30	0.40	4.88	3.25	9.66
Red River	49.8	77	33	0.49	0.80	4.62	3.01	11.93
Santa Fe	69.4	87	52	0.35	0.45	4.14	2.38	7.64
<b>Northeast</b>								
Capulin	63.1	85	37	1.11	1.12	6.05	3.25	10.52
Clayton	71.1	94	54	0.72	1.01	4.30	2.70	9.00
Clovis	71.8	91	60	0.22	0.22	4.82	2.56	9.57
Las Vegas	64.4	81	50	1.30	2.15	5.75	3.20	9.60
Moriarty	66.6	84	54	0.70	0.76	3.44	2.38	6.37
Raton	68.9	92	51	0.71	0.97	4.06	2.66	9.82
Roy	66.9	88	52	0.75	1.55	4.38	2.97	9.03
Tucumcari	72.1	93	60	3.78	3.90	11.71	3.30	8.57
<b>Southwest</b>								
Animas	74.1	91	63	1.08	1.08	1.60	2.26	4.74
Deming	72.7	96	55	4.53	4.56	5.09	2.15	4.43
Gran Quivira	66.6	83	57	1.58	1.58	3.75	2.81	7.52
Quemado	67.1	89	45	0.50	1.04	3.28	2.37	6.56
Socorro	71.0	84	62	0.59	0.91	1.71	1.44	3.94
T or C	71.4	90	61	2.82	2.82	3.91	1.86	4.44
<b>Southeast</b>								
Alamogordo	75.6	92	64	1.42	2.01	3.27	2.23	5.51
Carlsbad	77.6	96	65	2.04	2.31	4.38	1.79	5.74
Carrizozo	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.90	2.05	5.55
Las Cruces	76.6	95	64	2.08	2.24	2.44	1.36	3.63
Roswell	74.8	92	64	0.89	1.02	4.13	1.99	6.74
Ruidoso	64.8	80	56	2.18	2.42	6.60	4.02	10.99
Tatum	73.6	90	59	1.70	2.53	6.51	2.52	8.69

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