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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 14, 2008

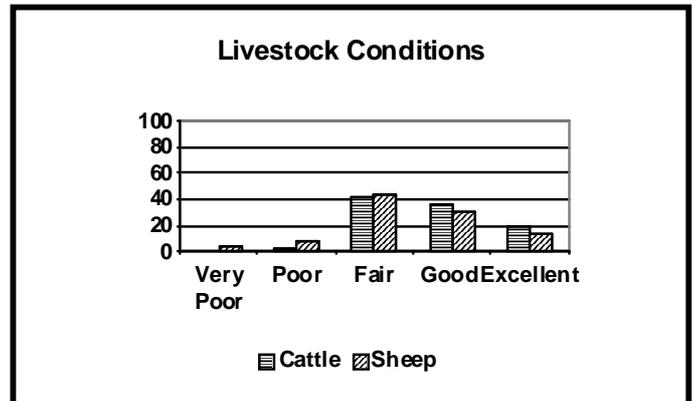
NEW MEXICO: Farmers were busy draining excess water, planting wheat and new alfalfa, as well as harvesting corn silage, chile and beans. Alfalfa was mostly good with the fourth cutting 95% complete and the fifth cutting 45% complete. Cotton was mostly good with 26% of bolls open. Corn was mostly good with 95% in the dough stage, 70% in the dent stage and 30% mature. Irrigated sorghum was mostly good with 45% coloring and 6% mature. Dry sorghum was mostly poor to fair with 78% headed and 51% coloring. Irrigated winter wheat was mostly good with 50% planted. Dry winter wheat was poor to good with 55% planted. Chiles were mostly good with 78% of the green harvest complete. Peanuts were mostly fair to good with 5% harvested. Pecans were mostly good. Ranchers were busy with normal ranch activities. Cattle were mostly fair to good. Sheep were mostly fair to good. Range and pastures were mostly good to fair. There were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 8% very short, 19% short, 64% adequate, and 9% surplus. Wind damage was 10% light.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE (Green)	Harvested	78	73	76	78
CORN	Dent	70	48	78	86
CORN	Mature	30	N/A	59	50
COTTON	Opening Bolls	26	19	50	47
PEANUTS	Harvested	5	N/A	4	1
SORGHUM (ALL)	Headed	86	82	86	90
SORGHUM (ALL)	Coloring	49	45	60	47
SORGHUM (ALL)	Mature	2	1	5	5
WHEAT	Planted	53	46	47	63

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	4	10	17	65	4
Chile	---	4	13	70	13
Corn	---	1	4	70	25
Cotton	---	---	17	65	18
Peanuts	---	---	50	40	10
Pecan	---	---	2	72	26
Sorghum (All)	---	32	33	34	1
Cattle	---	2	41	37	20
Sheep	5	8	44	30	13
Range/Pasture	3	8	24	48	17

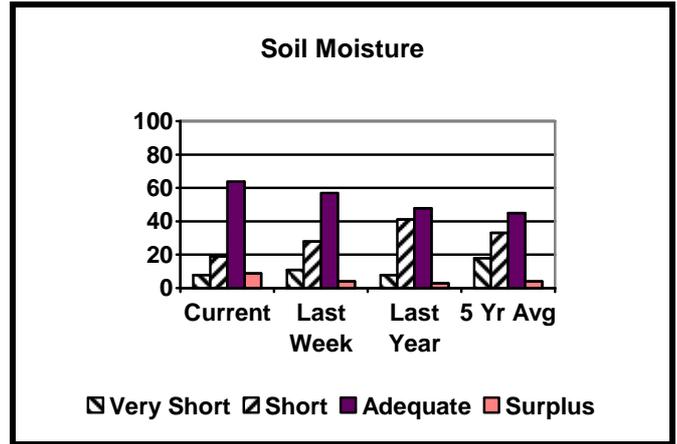


Additional Comments:

De Baca: Rangeland grasses are looking good for this time of the year, but could use some rain this month for the fall and winter grazing season. **Torrance:** Cooler temperatures. Most farmers have started to cut silage and harvest pinto beans. **Sierra:** Heavy rainfall caused flooding and field saturation. Crop damage is not known. **Lea:** Range conditions in the southern part of the county have been largely unimproved since winter as that area has only now begun receiving some rainfall, with very little time left in the growing season to produce some forage.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	32	32	35	1
Northeast	8	26	65	1
Southwest	---	13	82	5
Southeast	---	8	65	27
State Current	8	19	64	9
State-Last Week	11	28	57	4
State-Last Year	8	41	48	3
State-5-Yr Avg.	18	33	45	4



WEATHER SUMMARY

Most areas received some precipitation which helped push most totals closer to monthly and yearly normals. Average temperatures were below normal for the week.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – SEPTEMBER 8 - 14, 2008

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week	Month	Accum.	Normal	Normal
				08-Sept - 14-Sept	01-Sept - 14-Sept	1-Jan - 14-Sept	Sept	Jan-Sept
Northwest								
Albuquerque	69.8	85	54	0.00	0.00	6.01	1.00	7.06
Chama	52.9	79	28	0.33	1.36	17.01	2.23	16.13
Farmincton	63.9	86	41	0.21	0.21	4.50	0.97	6.33
Gallup	60.9	85	34	0.12	0.47	9.71	1.31	9.67
Grants	60.6	85	33	0.34	0.43	5.55	1.56	8.51
Johnson Ranch	58.7	82	30	0.00	0.00	5.40	1.33	9.05
Los Alamos	59.1	73	44	0.04	0.04	10.20	2.12	15.30
Red River	48.7	68	28	0.26	0.41	7.66	1.66	16.69
Santa Fe	64.3	86	45	0.34	0.42	8.60	1.51	11.54
Northeast								
Capulin	56.4	76	40	0.04	0.19	13.05	2.22	15.30
Clayton	63.9	84	48	0.11	0.11	10.71	1.77	13.38
Clovis	66.4	83	52	0.19	0.53	7.91	2.16	14.90
Las Vegas	58.5	79	41	0.37	0.44	13.33	2.40	16.27
Moriarty	60.3	79	42	0.39	0.51	7.51	1.61	10.67
Raton	61.9	83	43	0.25	0.36	9.46	1.61	14.64
Roy	61.5	80	44	0.70	0.70	11.66	1.90	13.74
Tucumcari	66.9	86	51	0.05	0.07	14.48	1.47	12.45
Southwest								
Animas	70.4	89	52	0.38	0.48	8.43	1.68	8.76
Deming	69.8	87	50	0.87	1.47	11.25	1.63	8.11
Gran Quivira	62.9	81	45	0.44	0.99	14.13	1.95	12.74
Quemado	60.1	82	32	0.23	0.23	6.73	1.73	11.41
Socorro	67.4	83	48	0.12	0.71	5.87	1.53	7.37
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Southeast								
Alamogordo	70.1	84	57	0.14	1.37	9.40	1.99	9.91
Carlsbad	71.3	90	61	1.39	2.24	8.53	2.75	10.74
Carrizozo	64.8	81	47	1.22	1.22	7.53	1.88	10.12
Las Cruces	70.4	85	51	0.46	1.48	9.25	1.36	7.28
Roswell	68.7	83	57	1.43	1.46	7.88	1.87	10.64
Ruidoso	57.4	73	44	1.32	1.65	18.79	2.50	17.53
Tatum	67.9	87	55	0.51	0.58	10.31	2.36	13.53

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