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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 28, 2008

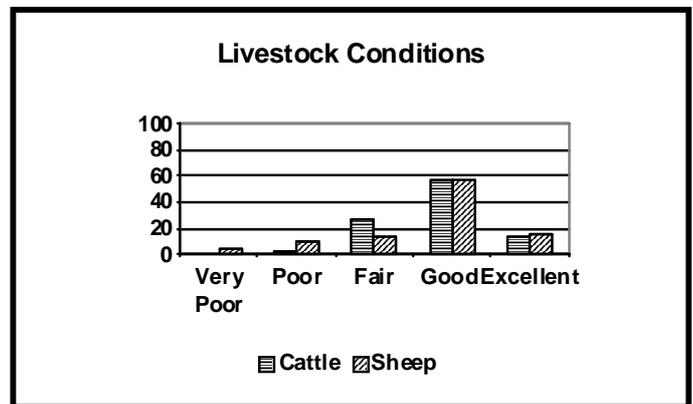
NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa was mostly good with the fifth cutting 72% complete. Farmers are hoping to complete fifth cutting before frost. Cotton was mostly good with 47% of bolls opening. Corn was mostly good with 84% in the dent stage and 40% mature. Irrigated sorghum was mostly good with 80% coloring and 19% mature. Dry sorghum was mostly fair with 88% headed and 64% coloring. Chiles were mostly good with 89% of the green harvest and 24% of the red harvest completed. Peanuts were mostly fair with 32% harvested. Pecans ranged from fair to excellent. Cattle and sheep were mostly good. Range and pastures were mostly fair to good. There were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 12% very short, 38% short and 50% adequate. Wind damage was 5% light and 2% moderate.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE (Green)	Harvested	89	83	88	90
CHILE (Red)	Harvested	24	19	21	12
CORN	Dent	84	80	100	100
CORN	Mature	40	35	79	83
COTTON	Opening Bolls	47	45	76	68
PEANUTS	Harvested	32	27	11	8
SORGHUM (ALL)	Headed	92	89	100	100
SORGHUM (ALL)	Coloring	70	69	92	70
SORGHUM (ALL)	Mature	10	6	27	13
WHEAT	Planted	81	72	86	88

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	3	3	34	55	5
Chile	---	5	27	51	17
Corn	---	---	16	65	19
Cotton	---	---	25	56	19
Peanuts	---	---	80	20	---
Pecan	---	---	27	37	36
Sorghum (All)	---	18	47	34	1
Cattle	---	3	26	57	14
Sheep	5	10	13	56	16
Range/Pasture	3	8	35	37	17

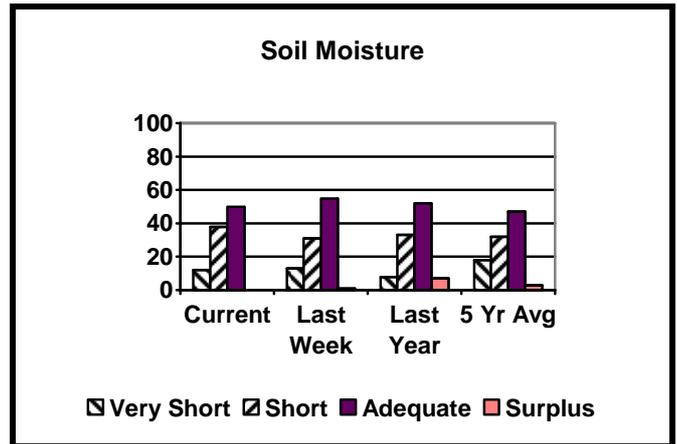


Additional Comments:

Bernalillo: High temperatures for the week have been about ten degrees above normal. **Rio Arriba:** Farmers are finishing hay baling and harvesting fruits and vegetables before frost hits the fields. Cattle are being brought home for winter pastures. Ranchers have begun supplemental feeding and watering. **De Baca/Guadalupe:** Temperatures have been mild this week with good outdoor working conditions. **Catron/Socorro:** Irrigation water remains plentiful. Green chile is almost all harvested and red chile harvest is in full swing. In Catron County light frosts (not killing) have already occurred in the past two weeks.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	25	47	27	1
Northeast	11	47	42	---
Southwest	5	35	60	---
Southeast	---	7	93	---
State Current	12	38	50	---
State-Last Week	13	31	55	1
State-Last Year	8	33	52	7
State-5-Yr Avg.	18	32	47	3



WEATHER SUMMARY

Temperatures across the state were generally within a few degrees of normal with temperatures ranging from 4 degrees above normal to 7 degrees below normal. The largest precipitation was seen in northeast New Mexico at 0.12 inches.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – SEPTEMBER 22 - 28, 2008

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 22-Sept - 28-Sept	Month 01-Sept - 28-Sept	Accum. 1-Jan - 28-Sept	Normal Sept	Normal Jan-Sept
Northwest								
Albuquerque	70.9	85	56	0.01	0.08	6.09	1.00	7.06
Chama	54.6	79	29	0.07	1.51	17.16	2.23	16.13
Farmincton	66.6	84	43	0.00	0.21	4.50	0.97	6.33
Gallup	61.9	84	35	0.00	0.51	9.75	1.31	9.67
Grants	60.9	83	35	0.00	0.43	5.55	1.56	8.51
Johnson Ranch	61.7	82	38	0.00	0.00	5.40	1.33	9.05
Los Alamos	61.7	76	48	0.18	0.29	10.45	2.12	15.30
Red River	50.1	72	28	0.12	0.65	7.90	1.66	16.69
Santa Fe	65.7	85	47	0.04	0.46	8.64	1.51	11.54
Northeast								
Capulin	59.9	79	36	0.05	0.76	13.62	2.22	15.30
Clayton	69.4	86	49	0.00	0.43	11.03	1.77	13.38
Clovis	62.5	86	52	0.00	0.56	7.94	2.16	14.90
Las Vegas	60.9	81	40	0.00	0.56	13.45	2.40	16.27
Moriarty	60.4	83	39	0.01	0.52	7.52	1.61	10.67
Raton	64.1	87	42	0.00	0.39	9.49	1.61	14.64
Roy	64.4	81	45	0.00	1.38	12.34	1.90	13.74
Tucumcari	70.9	90	46	0.00	0.83	15.24	1.47	12.45
Southwest								
Animas	69.7	88	54	0.00	0.48	8.43	1.68	8.76
Deming	70.8	89	51	0.00	1.47	11.25	1.63	8.11
Gran Quivira	64.1	83	43	0.00	0.99	14.13	1.95	12.74
Quemado	58.4	81	36	0.00	0.23	6.73	1.73	11.41
Socorro	66.1	85	44	0.00	0.71	5.87	1.53	7.37
T or C	68.6	85	53	0.00	2.55	10.51	1.08	7.67
Southeast								
Alamogordo	67.4	86	50	0.00	1.37	9.40	1.99	9.91
Carlsbad	70.0	88	52	0.00	2.24	8.53	2.75	10.74
Carrizozo	62.6	83	41	0.00	1.72	8.03	1.88	10.12
Las Cruces	71.5	89	55	0.00	1.48	9.25	1.36	7.28
Roswell	67.0	87	48	0.00	1.47	7.89	1.87	10.64
Ruidoso	56.6	74	38	0.00	2.24	19.38	2.50	17.53
Tatum	66.6	86	47	0.00	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.