



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 31, 2008

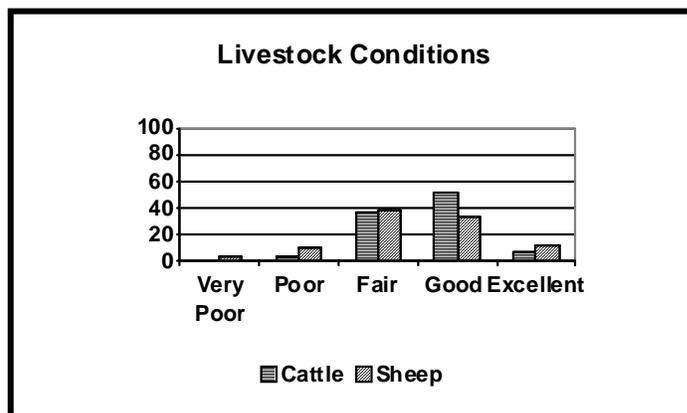
NEW MEXICO: Farmers were busy irrigating and harvesting crops and baling hay. In some counties alfalfa producers are at the last cutting and preparing for fall plantings. Alfalfa was mostly good with the fourth cutting 83% complete and the fifth cutting 27% complete. Cotton was mostly good with 95% setting bolls and 7% opening bolls. Corn was mostly good with 85% in the dough stage and 47% dent. Irrigated sorghum was mostly good with 25% coloring and 2% mature. Dry sorghum was mostly fair with 70% headed and 45% coloring. Chiles were mostly good with 70% of the green harvest complete. Peanuts were mostly fair with 95% pegging. Pecans were mostly good. Lettuce was 95% planted. Apples were mostly fair to good. Cattle were mostly good. Sheep were mostly fair to good. Range and pastures were mostly good to fair. There were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 8% very short, 31% short, 55% adequate, and 6% surplus. Wind damage was 10% light and 5% moderate. Hail damage was 2% light and 17% moderate.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE (Green)	Harvested	70	57	50	57
CORN	Dough	85	74	89	95
CORN	Dent	47	28	44	61
COTTON	Setting Bolls	95	90	100	98
COTTON	Opening Bolls	7	3	17	20
PEANUTS	Pegging	95	90	100	80
SORGHUM (ALL)	Headed	81	74	44	65
SORGHUM (ALL)	Coloring	38	28	25	17

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	2	32	59	7
Chile	---	5	20	69	6
Corn	---	1	18	53	28
Cotton	---	---	31	55	14
Peanuts	---	10	73	13	4
Pecan	---	---	---	73	27
Sorghum (All)	---	7	63	29	1
Cattle	---	4	37	51	8
Sheep	4	11	39	34	12
Range/Pasture	3	11	35	39	12

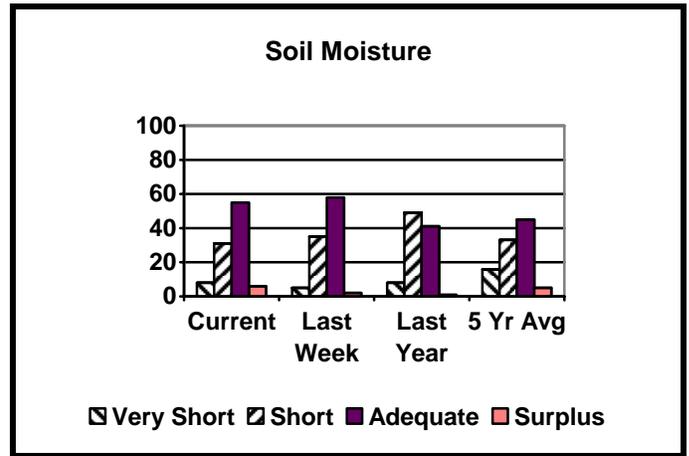


Additional Comments:

Santa Fe: Still very warm during days, beginning to cool significantly at night. **Colfax:** Large hail storm damaged 5,000 to 10,000 native grass acres. The nights are getting very cool. **De Baca:** Hail damage to native grass was reported. Grain sorghum acreage is growing real well and some farmers are projecting a harvest date of late September for ensilage or hay. **Guadalupe:** Some scattered showers this week. Daytime temperatures have been very hot. **Quay:** Pecans are coming along very well despite the lack of irrigation water. **Roosevelt:** Spotty rains continue to help improve conditions. **Catron/Socorro:** Some ranches remain very dry. **Chaves:** Field conditions are muddy, slowing down corn harvest. **Dona Ana:** Continuing rains are causing the chile crop to decline in low land areas with *Phytophthora capsici* (chile wilt). Cattle are gaining. Range is looking good with annual grasses and forbs. **Lea:** Cooler cloudy weather and light precipitation set back some of the hay cutting activity in the county. Areas in the south of the county have still not received much measureable precipitation.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	16	27	54	3
Northeast	8	30	60	4
Southwest	---	75	25	---
Southeast	---	16	68	17
State Current	8	31	55	6
State-Last Week	5	35	58	2
State-Last Year	8	49	41	1
State-5-Yr Avg.	16	33	45	5



WEATHER SUMMARY

Temperatures were near normal in the Northern third of the State and below normal in the Southern two thirds. Dry in the extreme Northwest and extreme Northeast areas of the State. Precipitations amounts varied from zero at Clovis and Roy and

0.02 at Clayton, 0.06 in Farmington to over an inch at several sites with 2.05 at Santa Fe, 1.06 at Las Vegas, and 1.01 at Capulin.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – AUGUST 25 - 31, 2008

Station	Temperature			Precipitation					
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 25-Aug - 31-Aug	Month 01-Aug - 31-Aug	Accum. 1-Jan - 31-Aug	Normal Aug	Normal Jan-Aug	
Northwest									
Albuquerque	73.3	90	58	0.06	73.30	90.00	58	0.71	4.29
Chama	70.1	90	55	0.68	70.10	90.00	55	1.37	9.24
Farmington	62.6	80	48	1.01	62.60	80.00	48	2.42	12.86
Gallup	61.9	86	40	2.44	61.90	86.00	40	3.75	15.65
Grants	66.9	90	49	0.83	66.90	90.00	49	1.01	5.40
Johnson Ranch	64.1	82	49	1.06	64.10	82.00	49	5.15	12.89
Los Alamos	64.4	82	51	0.23	64.40	82.00	51	3.89	10.16
Red River	67.1	87	49	0.55	67.10	87.00	49	3.49	9.10
Santa Fe	57.8	81	38	0.40	57.80	81.00	38	1.46	7.25
Northeast									
Capulin	67.0	87	50	2.05	67.00	87.00	50	2.96	8.18
Clayton	73.4	90	58	0.02	73.40	90.00	58	5.03	10.60
Clovis	72.9	88	58	0.00	72.90	88.00	58	1.16	7.38
Las Vegas	68.9	85	54	0.00	68.90	85.00	54	4.46	10.96
Moriarty	75.2	93	59	0.06	75.20	93.00	59	1.29	14.41
Raton	68.8	89	45	0.44	68.80	89.00	45	0.57	5.12
Roy	65.3	85	47	0.16	65.30	85.00	47	0.50	6.50
Tucumcari	74.1	91	62	0.26	74.10	91.00	62	1.04	6.01
Southwest									
Animas	68.3	86	52	1.16	68.30	86.00	52	1.66	6.31
Deming	70.7	87	56	0.20	70.70	87.00	56	2.62	5.16
Gran Quivira	66.7	85	50	0.49	66.70	85.00	50	7.01	13.14
Quemado	64.4	89	47	0.89	64.40	89.00	47	1.14	7.00
Socorro	62.5	77	46	0.85	62.50	77.00	46	3.20	17.14
T or C	76.9	94	63	0.38	76.90	94.00	63	0.99	6.29
Southeast									
Alamogordo	72.4	90	60	0.48	72.40	90.00	60	1.80	6.42
Carlsbad	71.6	88	58	0.47	71.60	88.00	58	2.28	9.73
Carrizozo	73.5	89	62	0.19	73.50	89.00	62	1.90	8.03
Las Cruces	73.6	88	62	0.27	73.60	88.00	62	2.92	7.95
Roswell	73.9	89	61	0.64	73.90	89.00	61	1.99	9.78
Ruidoso	74.6	90	64	0.86	74.60	90.00	64	1.63	7.77
Tatum	72.3	88	60	1.59	72.30	88.00	60	2.09	7.96

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