



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 14, 2008

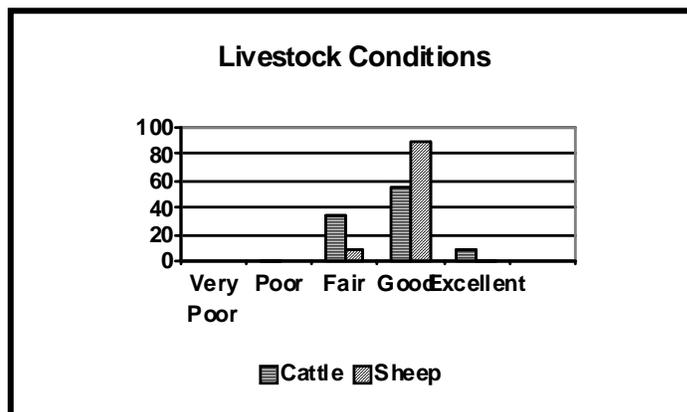
NEW MEXICO: Cotton was mostly good to fair with 85% harvested. Winter wheat was mostly good to fair. Pecans were mostly good with 40% harvested. Cattle were mostly good to fair. Sheep were mostly good. Range and pastures were mostly good. There were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 17% very short, 49% short and 39% adequate. Wind damage was 11% light and 3% moderate. Freeze damage 23% light, 16% moderate and 15% severe.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
COTTON	Harvested	85	72	99	100
PECAN	Harvested	62	40	27	36

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	---	4	40	51	5
Pecan	---	1	12	87	---
Wheat (All)	1	23	33	34	9
Cattle	---	1	35	56	8
Sheep	---	---	10	89	1
Range/Pasture	---	10	50	38	2

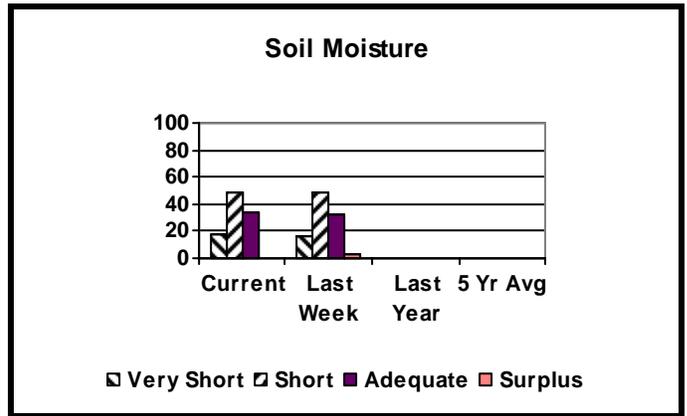


Additional Comments:

Guadalupe: Ranchers are continuing with supplemental feeding of livestock. Some ranchers are completing their calf sales and culling their herds. **Quay:** Some snow received this week ranging from 3.0 to 3.5 inches. Warm days quickly melted snow and ice resulting in good to excellent soil moisture. Pecans have all been harvested. Cattlemen are waiting for better prices, most sold all calf crops earlier in the year with only a few holding on to ownership through the feed yard. **Doña Ana:** A few fields still need cotton harvested. Pecan harvest will run another four weeks.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	45	11	44	---
Northeast	23	67	10	---
Southwest	---	100	---	---
Southeast	---	38	62	---
State Current	17	49	34	---
State-Last Week	16	48	33	3
State-Last Year	---	---	---	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	---	---	---	---



WEATHER SUMMARY

A couple of storm systems moved across New Mexico early in the week bringing colder temperatures, snow and rain showers. Snowfall reports on Tuesday included 10 inches in Gascon, 9 inches in Chama and lesser amounts farther south. Daytime temperatures on Tuesday were 20 to 25 degrees colder than Monday across the eastern half of New Mexico and 5 to 15 degrees cooler across the west. A second weak disturbance crossed New Mexico Friday night with rain and snow showers reported across the north central portion of the state. A more significant winter storm developed late Saturday over northwest New Mexico bringing heavier snowfall amounts over the northern and western mountains. Very strong winds were reported across the entire state.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – DECEMBER 8 -14, 2008

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 08-Dec- 14-Dec	Month 01-Dec- 14-Dec	Accum. 01-Jan- 14-Dec	Normal Dec	Normal Jan-Dec
Northwest								
Albuquerque	40.0	58	25	0.10	0.10	7.80	0.50	8.88
Chama	26.9	45	8	0.71	0.72	20.20	1.80	21.61
Farmington	32.3	52	11	0.39	0.39	6.64	0.50	8.62
Gallup	32.6	53	12	0.31	0.31	10.90	0.96	12.87
Grants	30.6	53	7	0.26	0.26	6.81	0.66	10.80
Johnson Ranch	28.1	50	8	0.31	0.31	6.50	0.67	11.52
Los Alamos	32.4	46	16	0.25	0.25	12.28	1.08	18.72
Red River	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	9.44	1.16	20.49
Santa Fe	32.9	50	16	0.45	0.45	11.69	0.77	13.98
Northeast								
Capulin	32.9	55	2	0.42	0.48	15.40	0.48	17.42
Clayton	36.5	65	2	0.04	0.04	12.09	0.29	15.09
Clovis	40.4	67	17	0.00	0.01	9.48	0.54	17.51
Las Vegas	33.7	51	9	0.10	0.10	14.88	0.68	19.04
Moriarty	33.7	55	15	0.27	0.28	9.62	0.54	12.71
Raton	31.7	60	6	0.36	0.37	11.09	0.58	16.80
Roy	32.1	58	6	0.25	0.25	13.24	0.45	15.74
Tucumcari	38.7	67	10	0.17	0.24	18.64	0.27	14.17
Southwest								
Animas	45.0	63	26	0.29	0.29	9.18	1.08	11.70
Deming	43.6	65	23	0.26	0.26	11.95	0.85	10.58
Gran Quivira	38.1	54	15	0.37	0.37	17.37	1.10	16.02
Quemado	33.6	55	6	0.56	0.56	7.90	1.02	14.06
Socorro	39.7	66	13	0.06	0.06	7.28	0.58	9.53
T or C	42.7	65	22	0.02	0.02	11.13	1.07	10.29
Southeast								
Alamogordo	44.4	65	20	0.20	0.20	10.55	0.82	12.74
Carlsbad	48.6	75	20	0.14	0.14	9.12	0.41	12.79
Carrizozo	38.6	59	11	0.00	0.00	9.29	0.76	12.83
Las Cruces	43.9	69	24	0.11	0.11	10.14	0.68	9.40
Roswell	42.1	75	16	0.30	0.30	8.88	0.55	12.93
Ruidoso	35.6	59	7	0.18	0.18	20.73	1.63	21.35
Tatum	42.0	69	14	0.25	0.25	12.55	0.48	16.05

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