



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 29, 2009

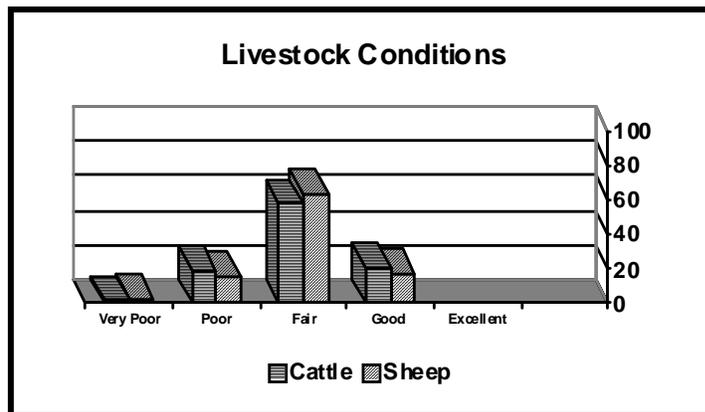
NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa condition was mostly good to fair. Winter wheat ranged from very poor to fair; with 66% of the total wheat grazed. Lettuce condition was 74% good, 26% excellent. Chile was 36% planted. Onion condition was mostly good; with 100% planted. Cattle conditions were mostly fair. Sheep conditions were mostly fair. Range and pasture conditions ranged from poor to fair. Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.5. Topsoil moisture was 36% very short, 54% short and 10% adequate. Wind damage was 26% light and 26% moderate. Freeze damage was 18% light, 16% moderate and 2% severe.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Planted	36	23	43	57
WHEAT	Grazed	66	65	52	38
ONIONS	Planted	100	97	100	99

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	5	43	52	1
Chile	---	---	---	100	---
Lettuce	---	---	---	74	26
Onions	---	---	13	54	33
Wheat (All)	32	30	22	10	6
Cattle	2	19	58	21	---
Sheep	3	16	64	17	---
Range/Pasture	16	35	40	9	---

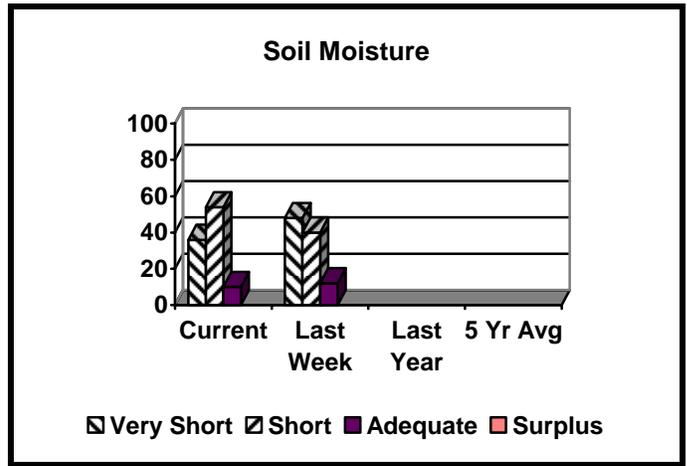


Additional Comments:

Santa Fe had three day storm over the weekend throughout the County, 2-6" of snow. Storm may have significantly damaged some fruit orchards, many fruit trees have been in full bloom. **Curry** received less than one inch of snow in Clovis to more than six inches in the northern part of the county with much needed moisture, also had 4-5" snow drifts from winds. **De Baca** experienced high winds and received 4" snow Friday and Saturday. **Torrance** had some snow last Friday. **Catron/Socorro** had damage in fruit trees by slight freeze and wind. Some moisture came last week. It was quickly evaporated by wind and temp. Some warm season grasses starting to green up as well as trees starting to leaf out. **Eddy** had light snow. Winds dried out what moisture may have accumulated in ground from snow.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	28	45	27	---
Northeast	28	69	3	---
Southwest	8	92	---	---
Southeast	71	13	16	---
State Current	36	54	10	---
State-Last Week	48	40	12	---
State-Last Year	---	---	---	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	---	---	---	---



WEATHER SUMMARY

Temperatures in the northern parts of the state were in the mid forties to fifties the beginning of the week, with the lows being in the mid twenties to high thirties. Temperatures in the southern portion of the state were in the high to low eighties and lows in the high forties lower fifties. On Thursday the winter storm system made its way into the state dropping temperatures significantly across the state Thursday and Friday. Some areas high temperatures dropped as much as twenty degrees from the previous day. The winter storm moved from west to east dumping the highest snowfall totals in the Northern and North eastern plains of the state causing numerous road closures and near blizzard conditions. With the system moving out of NM Friday, temperatures over the weekend climbed back up to fifties and high sixties on Saturday and sixties to low eighties on Sunday.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – MARCH 23 - 29, 2009

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 23-Mar- 29-Mar	Month 01-Mar- 29-Mar	Accum. 01-Jan- 29-Mar	Normal Mar	Normal Jan-Mar
Northwest								
Albuquerque	45.6	68	26	0.00	0.31	0.31	0.54	1.44
Chama	30.2	53	10	0.28	0.52	2.22	1.99	5.34
Farmington	39.9	64	23	0.10	0.44	1.42	0.81	1.97
Gallup	37.0	59	15	0.19	0.65	1.68	1.05	2.59
Grants	38.4	65	16	0.19	0.76	1.12	0.50	1.50
Johnson Ranch	33.4	59	10	0.02	0.17	0.21	0.74	1.98
Los Alamos	36.6	58	17	0.12	0.55	0.58	1.22	2.88
Red River	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.78	4.07
Santa Fe	36.3	61	14	0.43	0.61	0.66	0.74	2.06
Northeast								
Capulin	32.6	61	7	0.93	1.50	2.10	0.89	1.85
Clayton	40.2	66	15	0.39	0.54	1.18	0.55	1.10
Clovis	47.4	74	20	0.00	0.21	0.34	0.59	1.49
Las Vegas	37.4	58	10	0.01	0.15	0.24	0.63	1.71
Moriarty	39.9	64	17	0.00	0.06	0.26	0.53	1.44
Raton	38.1	66	13	0.04	0.37	0.74	0.83	1.84
Roy	40.6	67	12	0.10	0.20	0.33	0.55	1.32
Tucumcari	44.1	73	2	0.07	0.07	1.22	0.40	1.13
Southwest								
Animas	54.6	83	29	0.00	0.48	0.91	0.47	1.66
Deming	51.9	76	26	0.00	0.31	0.58	0.34	1.36
Gran Quivira	41.4	58	13	0.01	0.35	0.55	0.72	2.24
Quemado	37.6	60	12	0.11	0.23	1.10	0.80	2.35
Socorro	51.2	74	24	0.01	0.13	0.14	0.27	1.05
T or C	54.3	73	31	0.00	0.20	0.20	0.34	1.18
Southeast								
Alamogordo	52.5	74	24	0.76	1.40	2.27	0.46	1.67
Carlsbad	55.9	84	24	0.00	0.07	0.21	0.30	1.00
Carrizozo	44.2	66	18	0.02	0.80	0.80	0.57	1.74
Las Cruces	54.6	77	30	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.22	1.05
Roswell	51.3	80	22	0.08	0.19	0.19	0.45	1.34
Ruidoso	43.4	62	14	0.01	0.54	0.84	1.33	3.61
Tatum	49.1	79	22	0.00	0.59	0.71	0.52	1.41

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