



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 12, 2009

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa condition was mostly good. Cotton was 7% planted. Sorghum was 4% planted. Winter wheat condition ranged from very poor to good; with 69% of the total wheat grazed. Lettuce condition was mostly good. Chile was 49% planted. Onion condition was mostly good. Cattle conditions were mostly fair. Sheep conditions ranged

from poor to good. Range and pasture conditions were mostly fair to poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.3. Topsoil moisture was 42% very short, 45% short and 13% adequate. Wind damage was 41% light, 12% moderate and 3% severe. Freeze damage was 13% light and 18% moderate.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Chile	Planted	49	48	77	79
Cotton	Planted	7	5	N/A	9
Corn	Planted	4	N/A	N/A	4
Sorghum	Planted	4	4	N/A	N/A
Wheat	Grazed	67	66	N/A	N/A

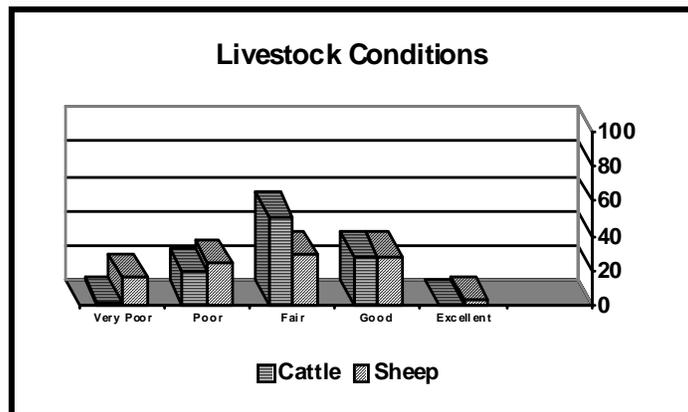
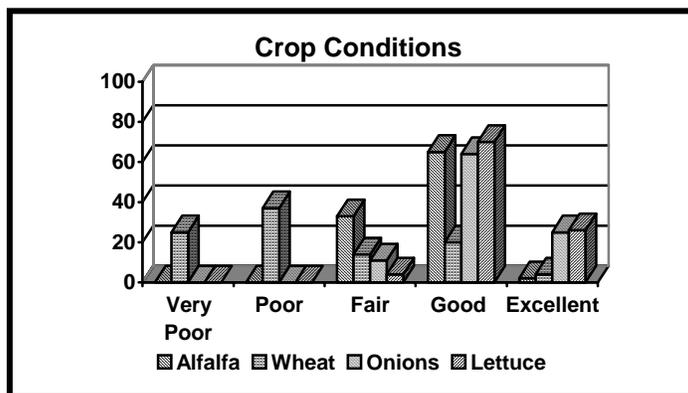
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	---	33	65	2
Lettuce	---	---	4	70	26
Onions	---	---	11	64	25
Wheat (All)	25	37	14	20	4
Cattle	2	19	51	28	---
Sheep	16	24	29	28	3
Range/Pasture	10	32	47	11	---

County Reporter Comments:

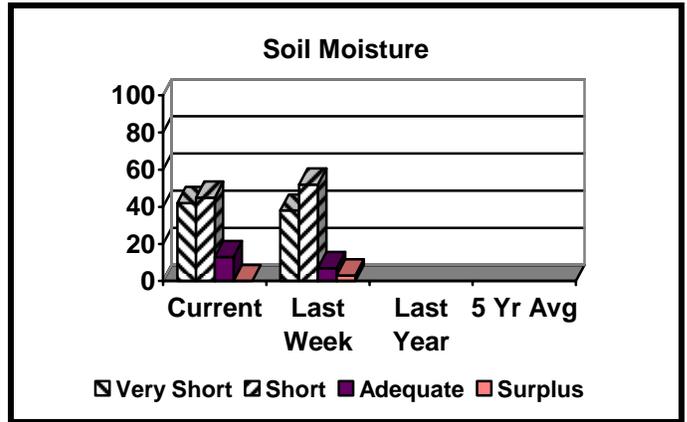
Santa Fe had another late winter storm Friday thru Sunday. It brought some much welcome precipitation, however much more is needed to recover from lack of precipitation most of the winter and thus far into grazing season. Peaches and apricots probably total loss again this year, due late winter storm, freeze, and high winds. **Colfax** had good moisture, 0.6 – 1.25 inches over the weekend. **Curry** had more than 0.5 inches of rain. **De Baca** has been mostly dry and windy. Rain is badly needed for rangeland and stock tank water. Irrigation season has begun in the Fort Sumner Valley. **Guadalupe** has been mostly dry and windy. Rain is badly needed on rangeland pastures for both greening up

grass and livestock water. Gardeners are preparing their transplants and plots in preparation for this year's gardens. **Union** had good moisture over 80% of county last week. **Catron/Socorro** have very dry range conditions with little to no spring browse available. Farmers were irrigating, planting and fertilizing. Ranchers were calving and feeding. **Sierra** has been very windy. **Doña Ana** has very dry range conditions. Pecan trees are leafing out and second irrigation has started. **Lea** farmers started planting and ranchers were processing calves. Much needed rain over the weekend. Livestock are looking well. Wheat is recovering and chile was being planted.



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	44	26	30	---
Northeast	45	45	9	---
Southwest	23	77	---	---
Southeast	50	34	16	---
State Current	42	45	13	---
State-Last Week	38	52	7	---
State-Last Year	---	---	---	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	---	---	---	---



WEATHER SUMMARY

Average **temperatures** this week in the north were in the upper thirties to low forties. Central New Mexico average temperatures were in the upper forties to mid fifties. For the southern part of the State, average temperatures were in the upper fifties to mid sixties. The departure from normal throughout the State was five or less degrees below with

some seven and eight degrees below normal. Winds this week stayed high and gusty. A low pressure system moved through the State this weekend along with a front bringing significant cloud cover and precipitation. **Precipitation** totals ranged from a trace to 0.53 inches.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - APRIL 6 - APRIL 12, 2009

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 06-Apr- 12 Apr	Month 01-Apr- 12 Apr	Accum. 01-Jan- 12 Apr	Normal Apr	Normal Jan-Apr
Northwest								
Albuquerque	52.9	78	34	0.20	0.20	0.51	0.52	1.96
Chama	38.3	64	13	0.89	1.34	3.59	1.27	6.61
Farmington	47.0	73	21	0.08	0.14	1.59	0.51	2.48
Gallup	44.2	70	21	0.43	0.47	2.19	0.64	3.23
Grants	44.7	73	16	0.21	0.32	1.46	0.45	1.95
Johnson Ranch	41.2	71	10	0.25	0.25	0.46	0.49	2.47
Los Alamos	44.6	65	22	0.50	0.50	1.08	1.00	3.88
Red River	--	--	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.68	5.75
Santa Fe	42.6	70	13	0.35	0.35	1.01	0.81	2.87
Northeast								
Capulin	37.9	72	13	0.45	0.61	2.71	1.01	2.86
Clayton	46.6	79	22	0.51	0.51	1.69	0.94	2.04
Clovis	50.2	79	24	0.28	0.34	0.68	0.81	2.30
Las Vegas	41.4	69	14	0.29	0.29	0.53	0.83	2.54
Moriarty	41.4	73	15	0.53	0.54	0.80	0.66	2.10
Raton	43.7	77	14	0.37	0.39	1.14	1.06	2.90
Roy	45.6	76	15	0.17	0.18	0.51	0.82	2.14
Tucumcari	52.5	82	25	0.45	0.57	1.79	0.87	2.00
Southwest								
Animas	58.7	83	35	0.00	0.00	0.91	0.20	1.86
Deming	58.2	85	34	0.00	0.00	0.58	0.18	1.54
Gran Quivira	46.9	70	16	0.40	0.40	0.95	0.64	2.88
Quemado	43.1	69	12	0.15	0.15	1.33	0.60	2.95
Socorro	55.1	82	29	0.23	0.23	0.37	0.36	1.41
T or C	56.2	80	34	0.08	0.08	0.28	0.22	1.40
Southeast								
Alamogordo	57.2	83	28	0.13	0.13	2.44	0.26	1.93
Carlsbad	60.1	87	30	0.00	0.00	0.21	0.49	1.49
Carrizozo	48.4	69	25	0.12	0.12	0.92	0.36	2.10
Las Cruces	58.1	85	38	0.02	0.02	0.05	0.21	1.26
Roswell	55.0	82	28	0.00	0.00	0.19	0.65	1.99
Ruidoso	45.7	68	17	0.18	0.18	1.02	0.63	4.24
Tatum	51.7	84	22	0.63	0.63	1.34	0.64	2.05

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