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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 7, 2009

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good with 96 percent of the fourth cutting complete and 43 percent of the fifth cutting completed. Cotton conditions were mostly fair to good with 80 percent setting bolls and 26 percent bolls opening. Corn conditions were mostly good with 87 percent dough, 46 percent dent and 23 percent mature. Irrigated sorghum conditions were mostly good with 100 percent headed and 34 percent coloring. Dry sorghum conditions ranged from poor to good with 86 percent headed and 9 percent coloring. Irrigated winter wheat was 60 percent planted. Dry winter wheat was 52 percent planted. Peanut conditions were mostly fair with 84 percent pegging. Lettuce was 30 percent planted.

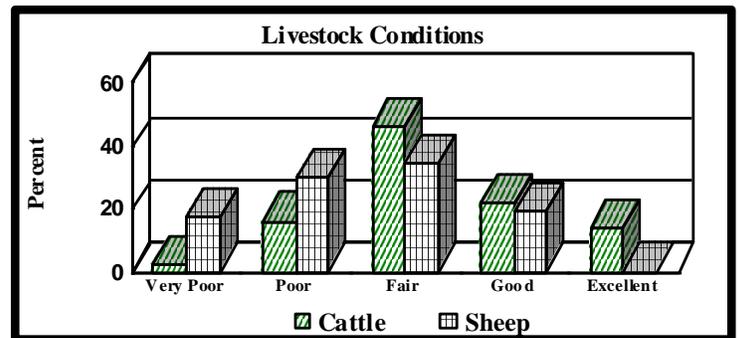
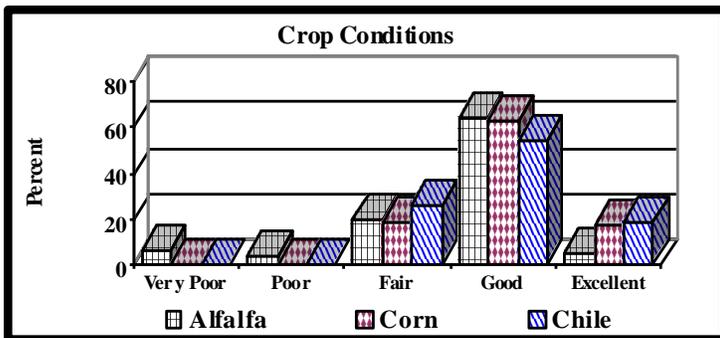
Chile conditions were mostly good with 9 percent light pod set, 66 percent average pod set, 25 percent heavy pod set, 75 percent of the green chile harvested, and 4 percent of the red chile harvested. Pecan conditions were mostly good with 18 percent light nut set, 73 percent average nut set and 9 percent heavy nut set. Cattle conditions were mostly fair to good. Sheep conditions were mostly fair to poor. Range and pasture conditions were mostly poor to fair. There were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 26 percent very short, 40 percent short, 33 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus. Wind damage was 3 percent light.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	4 th Cutting	96	83	88	94
Alfalfa	5 th Cutting	43	37	34	52
Chile green	Harvested	75	71	73	69
Cotton	Set Bolls	80	79	99	100
Cotton	Open Bolls	26	21	17	25
Corn	Dough	87	86	88	97
Corn	Dent	46	45	48	65
Corn	Mature	23	5	30	33
Lettuce	Planted	30	30	99	96
Peanuts	Pegging	84	83	99	100
Sorghum	Headed	91	90	82	72
Sorghum	Turn/Color	18	16	44	31

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	7	4	20	64	5
Chile	---	---	26	55	19
Cotton	---	5	43	41	11
Corn	---	1	19	63	17
Peanuts	---	---	85	15	---
Pecans	---	---	23	62	15
Sorghum	5	28	28	37	2
Cattle	2	16	46	22	14
Sheep	17	30	34	19	---
Range/Pasture	18	34	33	14	1



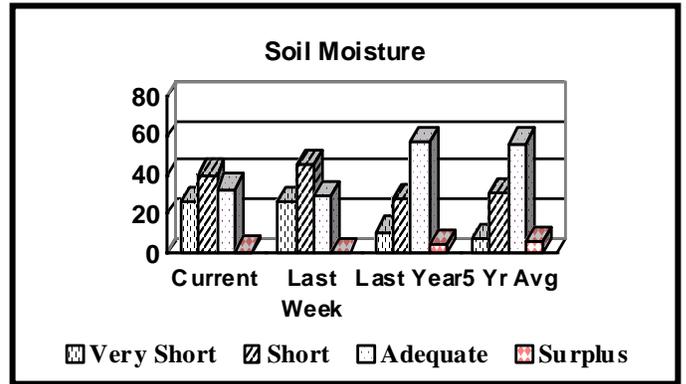
County Reporter Comments:

Santa Fe had spotty precipitation over the long weekend, still less than 60% of normal for YTD. Days were hot and nights getting colder. Most forage farmers have not yet completed third cutting, will surely only see three cuttings. **De Baca** fairy fly population was heavy and the farmers were trying to control them. Ranchers have been growing some late grass for approximately two weeks. Good showers over the past two weeks. Hay not too strapped. **Guadalupe** received some scattered showers and rains this week. On Sunday Night we received 7/10 of an inch of rain. Pasture conditions have improved a little. Ranchers were working on water line projects and windmill repairs. Farmers were harvesting their crops and products. Chile seems to be progressing well. **Quay** had some

rainfall the beginning of the week ranging from .5 to .75 inches. Most areas did not see any rainfall, followed with triple digit heat and some wind. Some farmers have begun to plant wheat. A few cattle producers were feeding but have reduced herd numbers. Some producers continue to feed and haul water to livestock. Pecan producers were expecting a light harvest, very little lost to fall drop. **Catron/Socorro** received some showers, 1/4 of an inch of rain. Not enough to help the ranches which were very dry. Ranchers do not have any grass for the winter and were beginning to ship early. Farmers were doing normal activities, chile and alfalfa harvests were on schedule and doing good. **Hidalgo** didn't have rain. Ranchers have been feeding livestock.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	32	51	17	---
Northeast	20	43	36	1
Southwest	48	32	20	---
Southeast	3	26	70	1
State Current	26	40	33	1
State-Last Week	26	45	29	---
State-Last Year	11	28	57	4
State-5-Yr Avg.	7	31	56	6



WEATHER SUMMARY

The temperatures during the week were mostly above normal for this time of the year. Flash flood warnings were issued for Central Cibola and South Central McKinley County on Saturday and for Central Roosevelt County on Sunday. Gallup reported 2.09 inches of rain on Saturday and Portales 1.46 inches on

Sunday. More afternoon thunderstorms with heavy rain are forecast for Tuesday. A cold front will push through the eastern plains Wednesday morning and push westward into the Rio Grande valley by Wednesday evening.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 6, 2009

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week	Month	Accum.	Normal	Normal
				31 Aug 06 Sept	01 Sept 06 Sept	01 Jan 06 Sept	Sept	Jan-Sept
Northwest								
Albuquerque	74.8	91	60	0.02	0.02	3.57	1.00	7.06
Chama	58.6	82	37	1.20	1.20	12.17	2.23	16.13
Farmington	73.4	92	54	0.00	0.00	3.19	0.97	6.33
Gallup	67.6	89	47	2.10	2.10	6.63	1.31	9.67
Grants	67.1	87	43	0.08	0.07	7.50	1.56	8.51
Johnson Ranch	66.1	87	44	0.41	0.41	2.51	1.33	9.05
Los Alamos	66.4	81	48	0.29	0.27	7.37	2.12	15.30
Red River	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.66	16.69
Santa Fe	65.8	86	46	0.16	0.16	6.64	1.51	11.54
Northeast								
Capulin	65.1	87	47	0.27	0.27	11.96	2.22	15.30
Clayton	72.2	95	56	0.09	0.09	9.21	1.77	13.38
Clovis	72.2	91	58	0.59	0.00	5.88	2.16	14.90
Las Vegas	63.8	85	45	0.75	0.64	8.50	2.40	16.27
Moriarty	64.9	87	46	0.22	0.22	5.62	1.61	10.67
Raton	67.9	93	46	0.15	0.15	7.24	1.61	14.64
Roy	68.9	91	47	0.15	0.00	6.05	1.90	13.74
Tucumcari	73.9	95	55	0.90	0.27	7.72	1.47	12.45
Southwest								
Animas	75.3	90	50	0.17	0.17	3.36	1.68	8.76
Deming	77.6	95	58	0.00	0.00	4.53	1.63	8.11
Gran Quivira	68.9	90	48	0.25	0.21	7.75	1.95	12.74
Quemado	64.5	86	44	1.04	1.04	5.14	1.73	11.41
Socorro	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	1.17	1.53	7.37
T or C	75.4	91	61	0.39	0.39	5.06	1.08	7.67
Southeast								
Alamogordo	75.1	93	57	0.02	0.02	8.90	1.99	9.91
Carlsbad	76.6	94	60	0.04	0.04	6.90	2.75	10.74
Carrizozo	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	3.39	1.88	10.12
Las Cruces	77.6	93	62	0.00	0.00	3.01	1.36	7.28
Roswell	71.6	88	58	0.02	0.02	5.75	1.87	10.64
Ruidoso	63.2	83	44	0.90	0.73	13.78	2.50	17.53
Tatum	72.4	91	54	0.06	0.00	11.64	2.36	13.53

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