



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 12, 2009

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good with 93 percent of the fifth cutting complete, 44 percent of the sixth cutting completed and 12 percent of the seventh cutting completed. Cotton conditions were mostly fair to good with 95 percent setting bolls, 72 percent bolls opening and 5 percent harvested. Corn conditions ranged from fair to excellent with 89 percent dent, 61 percent mature and 11 percent of the grain harvested. Irrigated sorghum conditions were mostly good with 23 percent mature. Dry sorghum conditions were mostly fair to poor with 87 percent coloring, 24 percent mature and 3 percent harvested for grain. Irrigated winter wheat conditions were mostly good with 88 percent emerged.

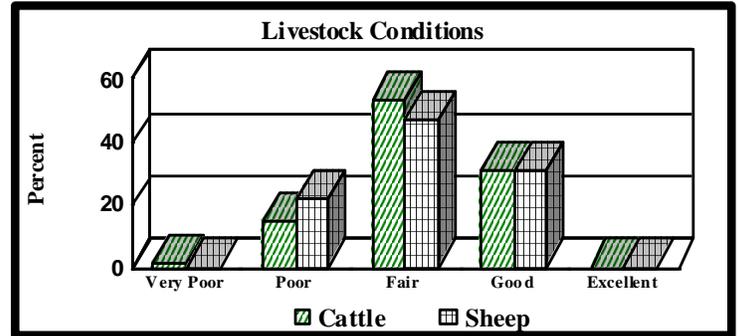
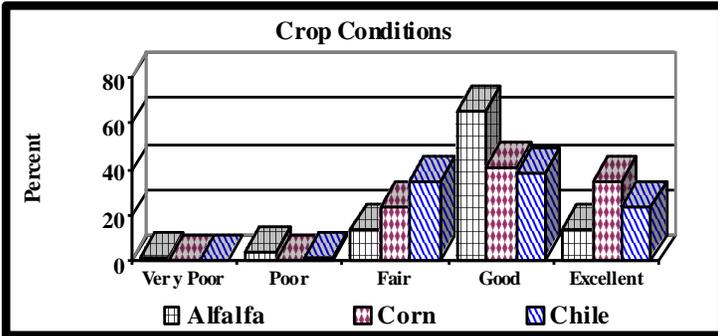
Dry winter wheat conditions were mostly fair with 100 percent emerged. Peanut conditions were mostly fair with 9 percent harvested. Chile conditions ranged from fair to excellent with 98 percent of the green chile harvested, and 28 percent of the red chile harvested. Pecan conditions ranged from fair to excellent. Cattle conditions were mostly fair. Sheep conditions ranged from poor to good. Range and pasture conditions were mostly fair to poor. There were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 28 percent very short, 40 percent short 31 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus. Wind damage was 1 percent light.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	5 th Cutting	93	91	86	95
Alfalfa	6 th Cutting	44	43	29	55
Alfalfa	7 th Cutting	12	5	---	15
Chile green	Harvested	99	93	97	96
Chile red	Harvested	28	26	31	29
Cotton	Open Bolls	72	59	76	81
Cotton	Harvested	5	2	4	3
Corn	Dent	89	79	100	100
Corn	Mature	61	49	93	95
Corn	Harvested	11	9	16	34
Peanuts	Harvested	9	5	39	28
Sorghum	Mature	24	14	24	23
Sorghum	Harvested	2	---	---	3
Sorghum	Turn/Color	92	90	75	79

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	2	4	14	66	14
Chile	---	2	35	39	24
Cotton	---	9	41	39	11
Corn	---	---	24	41	35
Peanuts	---	---	97	3	---
Pecans	1	3	28	48	20
Sorghum	3	24	40	32	1
Cattle	1	15	53	31	---
Sheep	---	22	47	31	---
Range/Pasture	11	31	43	14	1



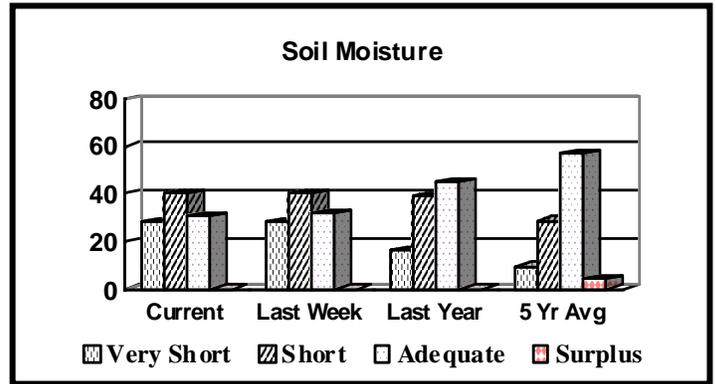
County Reporter Comments:

Curry had the first freeze Saturday evening over most of County. **De Baca** ranchers were starting to market their calves for the season. **Guadalupe** received some light rain showers this week. Temperatures have started to cool off for the fall season. **Quay** received a trace of rainfall this week, temperatures dropped late in the week to the 40s.

Summer crops have slowed in growth with the last hay being cut. All dry land wheat has been planted and fairing well. Pecan crop will be very light after fall drop with very little moisture. **Grant** rains have come too late for very much growth. The nights have gotten to cold.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	30	40	20	10
Northeast	17	50	33	---
Southwest	60	20	20	---
Southeast	21	41	38	---
State Current	28	40	31	1
State-Last Week	28	40	32	---
State-Last Year	16	39	45	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	10	29	57	4



WEATHER SUMMARY

Average temperatures this week were below normal in the north and eastern part of the state and above normal in the central and southwestern parts of the state. Average temperatures were mainly in the 50's with higher average temperatures in the mid to upper 60's for the southwest portion of the state. Rainfall this week

stayed around a quarter of an inch in most areas. Wednesday and Thursday were the two days this week when we received most of our rainfall. Some rainfall amounts: Chama with 0.29 inches, Los Alamos 0.22 in., Des Moines 0.22 in., Raton 0.19 in., Quemado 0.24 in., and Tatum with 0.81 inches.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - OCTOBER 12 - 18, 2009

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week	Month	Accum.	Normal	Normal
				12 Oct 18 Oct	01 Oct 18 Oct	01 Jan 18 Oct	Oct	Jan-Oct
Northwest								
Albuquerque	60.2	81	42	0.21	0.21	5.19	0.89	7.95
Chama	41.4	63	17	0.29	0.29	14.40	1.96	18.09
Farmington	53.6	72	30	0.18	0.18	3.48	0.85	7.18
Gallup	51.0	69	26	0.07	0.07	7.20	1.29	10.96
Grants	52.2	79	23	0.09	0.11	8.21	1.05	9.56
Johnson Ranch	49.2	70	26	0.00	0.00	3.26	1.11	10.16
Los Alamos	51.4	69	33	0.22	0.22	8.41	1.32	16.62
Red River	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.46	18.15
Santa Fe	52.1	74	30	0.32	0.32	8.87	1.04	12.58
Northeast								
Capulin	44.8	71	20	0.22	0.22	12.66	0.97	16.27
Clayton	49.2	83	25	0.12	0.14	10.00	0.90	14.28
Clovis	53.6	86	31	0.02	0.02	6.33	1.34	16.24
Las Vegas	51.4	73	30	0.20	0.20	9.95	1.51	17.78
Moriarty	54.4	75	28	0.07	0.07	7.36	1.10	11.77
Raton	49.5	77	29	0.19	0.19	9.74	0.97	15.61
Roy	48.3	77	25	0.25	0.25	7.50	1.05	14.79
Tucumcari	54.0	88	29	0.18	0.18	8.05	0.94	13.39
Southwest								
Animas	64.6	80	42	0.00	0.50	4.39	1.15	9.91
Deming	64.3	83	42	0.02	0.57	6.45	0.98	9.09
Gran Quivira	56.8	75	28	0.05	0.05	9.76	1.27	14.01
Quemado	53.9	71	32	0.24	0.24	8.77	1.18	12.59
Socorro	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	1.17	1.11	8.48
T or C	65.9	82	45	0.00	0.02	5.90	0.95	8.62
Southeast								
Alamogordo	65.5	88	42	0.01	0.12	10.74	1.30	11.21
Carlsbad	66.2	91	42	0.03	0.03	6.97	1.05	11.79
Carrizozo	59.0	77	40	0.04	0.04	3.71	1.19	11.31
Las Cruces	66.6	86	46	0.01	0.28	5.44	0.91	8.19
Roswell	61.1	87	38	0.01	0.12	7.25	1.19	11.83
Ruidoso	56.4	73	34	0.00	0.09	15.71	1.31	18.84
Tatum	57.2	86	38	0.81	0.90	13.10	1.49	15.02

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