



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 25, 2009

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good with 100 percent of the fifth cutting complete, 88 percent of the sixth cutting completed and 58 percent of the seventh cutting completed. Cotton conditions ranged from fair to excellent with 91 percent bolls opening and 19 percent harvested. Corn conditions were mostly good with 97 percent dent, 74 percent mature and 43 percent of the grain harvested. Irrigated sorghum conditions were mostly good with 54 percent mature and 9 percent harvested for grain. Dry sorghum conditions were mostly poor with 100 percent coloring, 40 percent mature and 16 percent harvested for grain. Irrigated winter wheat conditions were mostly good with 92 percent emerged.

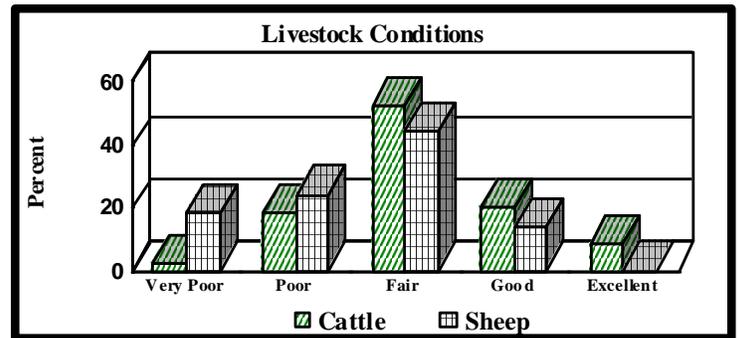
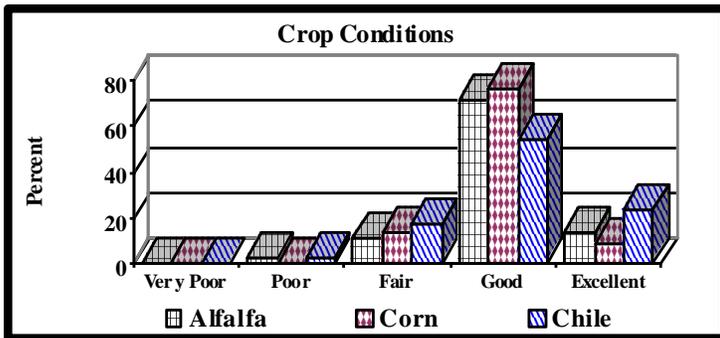
Dry winter wheat conditions were mostly fair. Peanut conditions were mostly fair with 63 percent harvested. Chile conditions were mostly good with 43 percent of the red chile harvested. Apples were 65 percent harvested. Pecan conditions ranged from fair to excellent. Cattle conditions were mostly fair. Sheep conditions were mostly fair. Range and pasture conditions were mostly fair to poor. There were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 22 percent very short, 34 percent short and 44 percent adequate. Wind damage was 2 percent light with 2 percent of sorghum crops damaged by wind. Freeze damage was 10 percent light. Hail damage was 1 percent light with 1 percent of cotton and 2 percent of sorghum crops damaged by hail.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	5 th Cutting	100	95	95	99
Alfalfa	6 th Cutting	88	64	35	71
Alfalfa	7 th Cutting	58	24	---	24
Chile red	Harvested	43	29	51	50
Cotton	Open Bolls	91	84	89	95
Cotton	Harvested	19	15	8	13
Corn	Dent	97	92	100	100
Corn	Mature	74	67	99	100
Corn	Harvested	43	31	36	58
Peanuts	Harvested	63	39	49	52
Sorghum	Mature	45	40	55	51
Sorghum	Harvested	14	11	4	14
Sorghum	Turn/Color	100	97	97	89

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	3	11	72	14
Chile	---	3	18	55	24
Cotton	---	2	25	46	27
Corn	---	---	14	77	9
Peanuts	---	---	80	20	---
Pecans	---	3	31	44	22
Sorghum	5	46	20	28	1
Cattle	2	18	52	20	8
Sheep	18	24	44	14	---
Range/Pasture	14	33	39	14	---



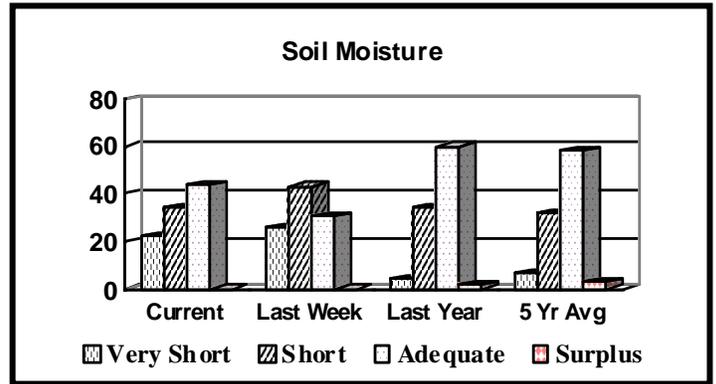
County Reporter Comments:

Colfax ranchers were shipping yearling calves, weaning, and pregnant checking cows. Most of county received some moisture. **De Baca** received good moisture on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Reports of up to 1-1/2 inches in some areas. Farmers were winding down their alfalfa baling, some still having a clipping left to cut. Ranchers were marketing calves and contracting and buying cattle feed for the winter. **Guadalupe** temperatures have been seasonally dropping this week to near freezing. Good precipitation received on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, amount of rain received was up to 3/4 of an inch in some areas of the county. Gardens were just about harvested and will probably be affected by frost by the end of the month. Ranchers were marketing

calves, buying and contracting hay, and cattle cubes for this winter. **Quay** received rain range from .80 to 2.0 inches. Good rain throughout the county. Wheat crop was looking very good for the most part. Some wheat was struggling until this rain. Range conditions had been very dry and poor soil moisture. Most perennial native grasses are going into dormancy. Some annual cool season weeds coming up although very weak due to lack of moisture. Cooler temperatures and mild freeze throughout the county. **Grant** was continuing supplemental feeding and shipping cattle in full swing. **Hidalgo** had some spotty moisture. **Lea** ranchers were weaning calves.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	18	32	50	---
Northeast	12	30	58	---
Southwest	45	43	12	---
Southeast	17	34	49	---
State Current	22	34	44	---
State-Last Week	26	43	31	---
State-Last Year	4	34	60	2
State-5-Yr Avg.	7	32	58	3



WEATHER SUMMARY

A strong upper level storm impacted the state Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday. Numerous to scattered showers and thunderstorms moved across western and central New Mexico dumping locally heavy rainfall, small hail, and mountain snow. Showers and thunderstorms also expanded into the Eastern Plains Tuesday night and Wednesday. Rainfall

amounts generally ranged from about two-tenths of an inch in the western part of the state to more than an inch in North, Central and Eastern New Mexico. Temperatures dropped quickly as the storm moved through the state, by Thursday drier conditions returned and temperatures begin to rebound.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – OCTOBER 19 - 25, 2009

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week	Month	Accum.	Normal	Normal
				19 Oct 25 Oct	01 Oct 25 Oct	01 Jan 25 Oct	Oct	Jan-Oct
Northwest								
Albuquerque	55.0	79	39	1.00	1.21	6.19	0.89	7.95
Chama	39.6	66	20	0.99	1.49	15.60	1.96	18.09
Farmington	51.1	78	30	0.13	0.45	3.75	0.85	7.18
Gallup	46.4	73	23	0.18	0.25	7.38	1.29	10.96
Grants	46.8	75	22	0.21	0.37	8.47	1.05	9.56
Johnson Ranch	44.7	71	24	0.17	0.17	3.43	1.11	10.16
Los Alamos	48.6	75	33	0.24	1.16	9.35	1.32	16.62
Red River	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.46	18.15
Santa Fe	46.7	75	27	0.97	1.29	9.84	1.04	12.58
Northeast								
Capulin	43.4	77	26	0.91	1.13	13.57	0.97	16.27
Clayton	51.9	86	35	1.41	1.69	11.55	0.90	14.28
Clovis	55.3	85	36	0.84	0.86	7.17	1.34	16.24
Las Vegas	46.4	74	30	0.76	0.99	10.74	1.51	17.78
Moriarty	47.1	76	29	1.50	1.57	8.86	1.10	11.77
Raton	46.9	80	27	0.39	0.74	10.29	0.97	15.61
Roy	50.6	76	32	0.91	1.16	8.41	1.05	14.79
Tucumcari	54.7	88	31	1.54	1.73	9.60	0.94	13.39
Southwest								
Animas	61.8	83	43	0.40	0.90	4.79	1.15	9.91
Deming	60.7	85	36	0.14	0.71	6.59	0.98	9.09
Gran Quivira	52.1	77	30	1.14	1.19	10.90	1.27	14.01
Quemado	49.3	73	22	0.15	0.39	8.92	1.18	12.59
Socorro	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	1.17	1.11	8.48
T or C	59.1	83	40	0.25	0.27	6.15	0.95	8.62
Southeast								
Alamogordo	62.4	85	41	1.17	1.29	11.91	1.30	11.21
Carlsbad	61.8	90	40	0.85	0.88	7.82	1.05	11.79
Carrizozo	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.04	3.71	1.19	11.31
Las Cruces	62.2	86	40	0.33	0.61	5.77	0.91	8.19
Roswell	55.2	83	35	0.67	0.79	7.92	1.19	11.83
Ruidoso	51.9	74	32	0.05	0.19	15.81	1.31	18.84
Tatum	57.2	87	35	0.94	1.85	14.05	1.49	15.02

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