



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 22, 2009

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions ranged from fair to excellent with 98 percent of the sixth cutting completed and 74 percent of the seventh cutting completed. Cotton conditions were mostly fair to good with 82 percent harvested. Corn was 94 percent of the grain harvested. Irrigated sorghum was 99 percent harvested for grain. Dry sorghum was 100 percent harvested for grain. Irrigated winter wheat conditions were mostly good with 99 percent emerged. Dry winter wheat conditions were mostly fair. Peanut was 100 percent harvested. Chile conditions ranged from fair to excellent with 81 percent of the red chile harvested. Pecan conditions were mostly good.

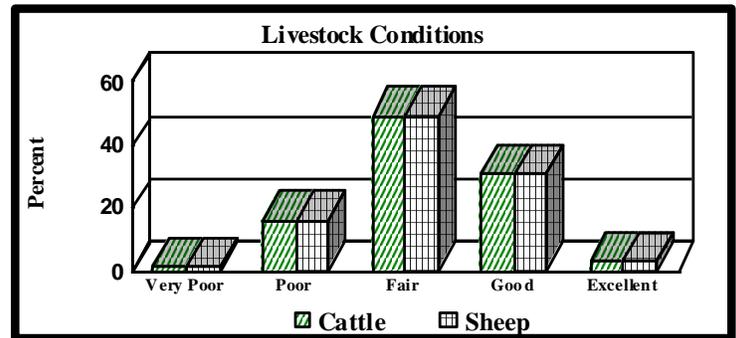
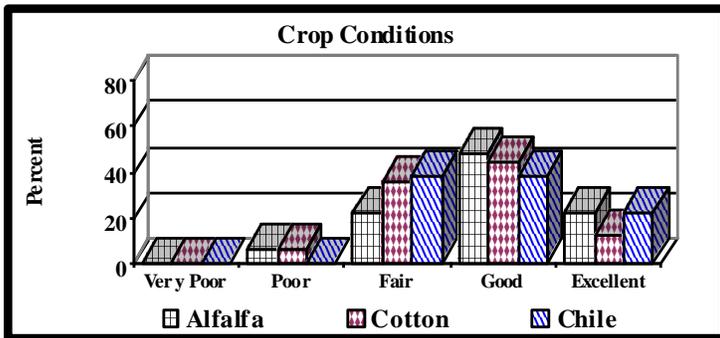
Cattle conditions were mostly fair. Sheep conditions were mostly fair to poor. Range and pasture conditions were mostly poor to fair. There were 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 33 percent very short, 45 percent short and 22 percent adequate. Wind damage was 7 percent light and 1 percent moderate. Freeze damage was 17 percent light and 15 percent moderate with 3 percent of winter wheat crops damaged by freeze.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	6 th Cutting	98	97	77	95
Alfalfa	7 th Cutting	74	58	---	65
Chile red	Harvested	81	69	98	82
Cotton	Harvested	82	66	64	66
Corn	Harvested	95	94	98	98
Peanuts	Harvested	100	81	100	94
Sorghum	Harvested	100	70	90	70

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	6	23	48	23
Chile	---	---	39	38	23
Cotton	---	6	36	45	13
Pecans	1	2	23	63	11
Cattle	1	16	49	31	3
Sheep	7	33	42	18	---
Range/Pasture	17	36	35	12	---



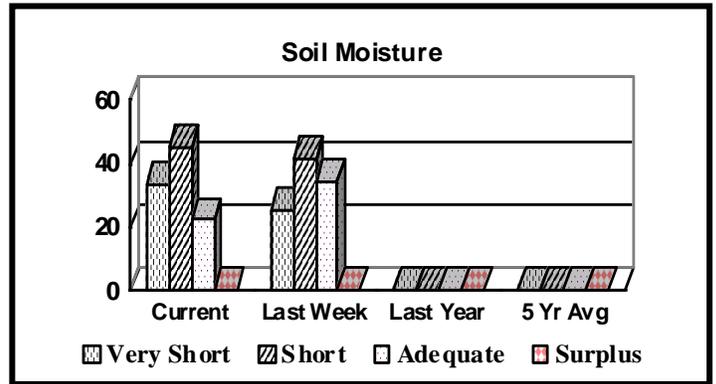
County Reporter Comments:

Santa Fe had no precipitation for November, particularly the Southern end of County. Crop year essentially over (Forage, etc.). Ranchers were culling and shipping cows. **Guadalupe** ranchers were busy marketing cattle and contracting winter feed. **Catron/Socorro** had moderate freeze during the week, this will turn chile to red, red harvest will continue for the next 2 months as most farmer leave it in the field to dry. All hay has been harvested with most farmers reporting 4-5 1/2 cuttings.

Ranchers will continue to deal with the effects of the devastating drought, no grass is available, and therefore, ranchers have been shipping cattle and destocking ranches in Catron and Socorro counties. Lots of reports of high percentage of open cows this fall. These all indicate a downturn for ranchers next year, no reserved grass pastures, open cows, heavy culling, 2009 was not a good year for ranching operations. **Lea** farmers are looking to start harvesting pecans around December 1st.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	29	51	20	---
Northeast	20	42	29	---
Southwest	50	38	12	---
Southeast	23	51	26	---
State Current	33	45	22	---
State-Last Week	25	41	34	---
State-Last Year	---	---	---	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	---	---	---	---



WEATHER SUMMARY

Dry conditions prevailed across New Mexico during the week. Average temperatures generally ranged from 2 to 4 degrees below normal in the northwest quarter of the state to around 3 to 6 degrees above normal in the northeast. In the remainder of the state average temperatures were at or near normal.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – NOVEMBER 16 - 22, 2009

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week	Month	Accum.	Normal	Normal
				16 Nov 22 Nov	01 Nov 22 Nov	01 Jan 22 Nov	Nov	Jan-Nov
Northwest								
Albuquerque	41.9	60	25	0.00	0.02	6.51	0.43	8.38
Chama	30.9	53	-2	0.00	0.71	16.50	1.72	19.81
Farmington	36.3	57	19	0.00	0.31	4.20	0.94	8.12
Gallup	34.4	58	10	0.00	0.22	7.87	0.95	11.91
Grants	33.4	61	7	0.00	0.09	8.78	0.58	10.14
Johnson Ranch	32.6	56	4	0.00	0.00	3.43	0.69	10.85
Los Alamos	37.3	52	17	0.00	0.04	9.56	1.02	17.64
Red River	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.18	19.33
Santa Fe	34.6	56	12	0.00	0.22	10.38	0.63	13.21
Northeast								
Capulin	37.9	63	10	0.00	0.07	14.12	0.67	16.94
Clayton	44.3	70	21	0.00	0.05	11.86	0.52	14.80
Clovis	45.2	67	23	0.00	0.00	7.23	0.73	16.97
Las Vegas	39.6	65	14	0.00	0.00	10.76	0.58	18.36
Moriarty	35.1	59	12	0.00	0.04	8.97	0.40	12.17
Raton	39.4	68	14	0.00	0.00	10.42	0.61	16.22
Roy	40.6	65	16	0.00	0.00	8.71	0.50	15.29
Tucumcari	44.1	70	20	0.00	0.00	9.73	0.51	13.90
Southwest								
Animas	49.3	70	32	0.00	0.00	4.84	0.71	10.62
Deming	46.6	70	22	0.00	0.00	6.78	0.64	9.73
Gran Quivira	40.8	59	16	0.00	0.00	12.26	0.91	14.92
Quemado	34.0	60	10	0.00	0.05	9.15	0.45	13.04
Socorro	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	1.17	0.47	8.95
T or C	45.6	65	23	0.00	0.00	6.15	0.60	9.22
Southeast								
Alamogordo	43.9	68	20	0.00	0.00	11.94	0.71	11.92
Carlsbad	49.3	76	24	0.00	0.00	8.14	0.59	12.38
Carrizozo	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	3.71	0.76	12.07
Las Cruces	48.4	76	28	0.00	0.03	5.85	0.53	8.72
Roswell	42.7	70	16	0.00	0.00	7.98	0.55	12.38
Ruidoso	39.4	60	14	0.00	0.01	15.82	0.88	19.72
Tatum	43.3	68	21	0.00	0.01	14.35	0.55	15.57

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