



## WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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### Crop Weather

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### CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 29, 2009

**NEW MEXICO:** Alfalfa conditions were mostly good with 99 percent of the sixth cutting completed and 79 percent of the seventh cutting completed. Cotton conditions were mostly good with 83 percent harvested. Corn was 100 percent of the grain harvested. Irrigated sorghum was 100 percent harvested for grain. Dry sorghum was 100 percent harvested for grain. Irrigated winter wheat conditions were mostly good with 100 percent emerged. Dry winter wheat ranged from poor to good. Chile conditions were mostly good with 98 percent of the red chile harvested. Pecan conditions were mostly good.

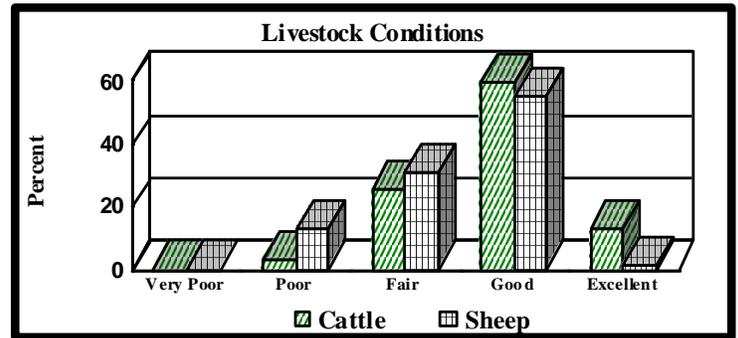
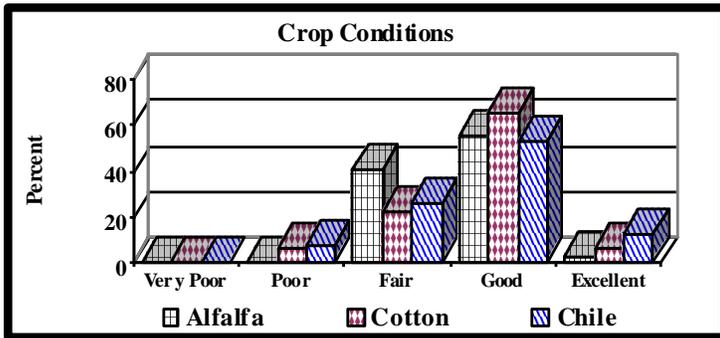
Cattle conditions were mostly good. Sheep conditions were mostly good. Range and pasture conditions were mostly fair to good. There were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 7 percent very short, 47 percent short, 42 percent adequate and 4 percent surplus. Wind damage was 7 percent light, 9 percent moderate and 2 percent severe. Freeze damage was 14 percent light, 15 percent moderate and 4 percent severe.

#### CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	6 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	99	98	83	97
Alfalfa	7 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	79	74	---	79
Chile red	Harvested	98	81	99	88
Cotton	Harvested	83	82	69	69
Corn	Harvested	100	95	100	100
Peanuts	Harvested	100	100	100	98
Sorghum	Harvested	100	100	99	81

#### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	---	41	56	3
Chile	---	8	26	53	13
Cotton	---	6	22	66	6
Pecans	---	---	18	69	13
Cattle	---	3	25	59	13
Sheep	---	13	31	55	1
Range/Pasture	---	12	48	35	5



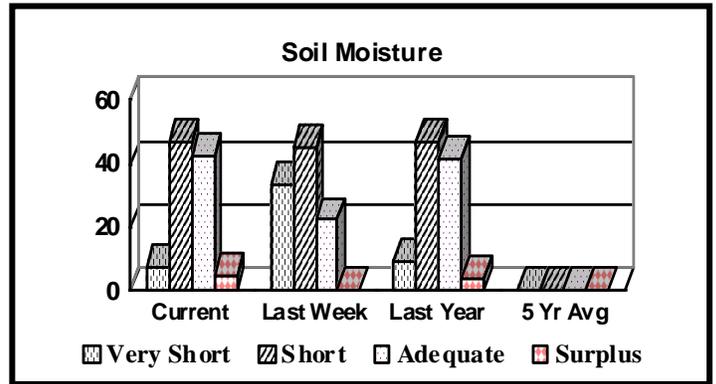
#### County Reporter Comments:

**Santa Fe** alfalfa/forage crops finished for CY 2009. Many producers only received two cuttings due to late start in spring (too cold for growth), and early freeze in fall. **Guadalupe** winter wheat is progressing well. Ranchers were completing their calf sales and culling their herds.

Some ranchers were reducing more than normal due to lack of grazing. Sale prices went down. **Luna/Grant** had some moisture in some areas, however, there is still not enough to create substantial feed. Supplemental feeding was still taking place and will continue for some time.

**SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES**

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	5	25	53	17
Northeast	15	55	30	---
Southwest	---	100	---	---
Southeast	---	35	65	---
State Current	7	47	42	4
State-Last Week	33	45	22	---
State-Last Year	9	47	41	3
State-5-Yr Avg.	---	---	---	---



**WEATHER SUMMARY**

An upper level storm system in combination with a cold front move into New Mexico overnight Saturday bringing cold air and snow in the Mountain Areas of the state. The temperatures in most areas were below normal.

**NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – NOVEMBER 23 - 29, 2009**

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week	Month	Accum.	Normal	Normal
				23 Nov 29 Nov	01 Nov 29 Nov	01 Jan 29 Nov	Nov	Jan-Nov
<b>Northwest</b>								
Albuquerque	40.4	57	23	0.02	0.04	6.53	0.43	8.38
Chama	32.3	59	5	0.06	0.77	16.56	1.72	19.81
Farmington	33.6	54	12	0.05	0.36	4.25	0.94	8.12
Gallup	32.6	62	6	0.07	0.29	7.94	0.95	11.91
Grants	31.5	60	5	0.02	0.11	8.80	0.58	10.14
Johnson Ranch	32.3	60	6	0.00	0.00	3.43	0.69	10.85
Los Alamos	36.3	55	18	0.15	0.19	9.71	1.02	17.64
Red River	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.18	19.33
Santa Fe	34.8	58	7	0.12	0.34	10.50	0.63	13.21
<b>Northeast</b>								
Capulin	34.1	66	6	0.00	0.07	14.12	0.67	16.94
Clayton	43.8	73	23	0.01	0.06	11.87	0.52	14.80
Clovis	44.1	68	27	0.05	0.05	7.28	0.73	16.97
Las Vegas	37.3	66	12	0.13	0.13	10.89	0.58	18.36
Moriarty	32.4	61	4	0.38	0.42	9.35	0.40	12.17
Raton	36.4	68	9	0.00	0.00	10.42	0.61	16.22
Roy	36.8	55	16	0.00	0.00	8.71	0.50	15.29
Tucumcari	44.5	72	22	0.23	0.23	9.96	0.51	13.90
<b>Southwest</b>								
Animas	48.6	67	34	0.32	0.32	5.16	0.71	10.62
Deming	47.4	69	25	0.25	0.25	7.03	0.64	9.73
Gran Quivira	39.4	60	13	0.58	0.58	12.84	0.91	14.92
Quemado	33.6	60	7	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	45.1	65	28	0.40	0.40	6.55	0.60	9.22
<b>Southeast</b>								
Alamogordo	43.9	67	20	0.18	0.18	12.12	0.71	11.92
Carlsbad	47.4	77	24	0.04	0.04	8.18	0.59	12.38
Carrizozo	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	3.71	0.76	12.07
Las Cruces	47.9	72	30	0.26	0.29	6.11	0.53	8.72
Roswell	42.0	73	19	0.25	0.25	8.23	0.55	12.38
Ruidoso	41.1	64	16	0.41	0.42	16.23	0.88	19.72
Tatum	42.1	71	17	0.05	0.06	14.40	0.55	15.57

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