



**WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER**

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**CROP SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 2010**

**NEW MEXICO:** December began with temperatures above normal across most of the state with a few locations below normal. A cold front swept through New Mexico the last week of December bringing bands of snow showers in the higher elevations and rain in the lower elevations. Behind this system, a polar air mass dropped temperatures drastically. Low temperatures dropped below zero in the north and west central mountains. Most of the northwest was ten degrees below normal compared to the southeast which was five degrees below normal. Cattle and livestock conditions remained good due to supplemental feeding and haying. Cold weather the last week of November helped to defoliate pecan trees and get them ready for nut drop and harvesting. Due to the cold all summer crops ended. Fall onions were unaffected by the cold, however, reports of late planted oats being damaged were reported. The current cold snap and winds up to 60 mph December 30th may slow pecan harvest slightly, however, if snow or rain falls it may stop harvest temporarily. Eddy County has not received any measurable amount of precipitation since September. Fire conditions are high, due to tall grass, and very dry conditions.

**WEATHER SUMMARY**

**NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – DECEMBER 2010**

Station	Temperature			Precipitation <sup>1/</sup>		Station	Temperature			Precipitation	
	Mean	Max	Min	Dec	Jan-Dec		Mean	Max	Min	Dec	Jan-Dec
<b>Northwest</b>						<b>Northeast</b>					
Albuquerque	43.5	60	27	1.05	8.98	Capulin	29.5	54	5	0.35	13.69
Chama	34.5	54	15	2.80	21.66	Clayton	41.5	64	19	0.08	18.06
Farmington	42.5	57	28	0.48	10.61	Clovis	42.0	65	19	0.08	11.26
Gallup	38.0	60	16	1.22	10.88	Las Vegas	35.0	54	16	0.75	14.10
Grants	39.0	64	14	0.12	9.73	Moriarty	37.5	62	13	0.15	12.33
Johnson Ranch	36.0	58	14	0.81	9.22	Raton	32.0	52	12	0.20	15.74
Los Alamos	36.5	53	20	0.69	16.05	Roy	-	-	-	0.13	15.43
Red River	-	-	-	0.71	0.77	Tucumcari	39.5	64	15	0.30	12.77
Santa Fe	35.0	57.0	13	0.61	14.14	<b>Southeast</b>					
<b>Southwest</b>						Alamogordo	44.5	67	22	0.26	22.33
Animas	48.5	68	29	0.07	10.15	Carlsbad	46.0	75	17	0.00	14.38
Deming	46.5	67	26	0.00	8.53	Carrizozo	40.0	59	21	0.30	2.29
Gran Quivira	40.5	62	19	0.44	14.97	Las Cruces	48.0	69	27	0.00	13.88
Quemado	42.0	59	25	0.84	7.63	Roswell	42.0	67	17	0.02	15.07
Socorro	44.5	65	24	0.03	3.20	Ruidoso	44.5	65	24	0.34	20.58
T or C	45.5	65	26	0.00	7.02	Tatum	40.5	68	13	0.00	10.20

<sup>1/</sup> Precipitation through 12/26/2010. (T) Trace (-) No Report (\*) Correction - All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.