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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 2010

NEW MEXICO: First week of March: A few showers fell early in the week, mainly across the northern mountains and the eastern plains of New Mexico. Drier conditions and warmer temperatures prevailed through Saturday. A storm system crossed the state on Sunday, bringing rain, thunderstorms, and mainly mountain snow showers. Average temperatures for the week were generally at or slightly below normal. **Second week of March:** Winter storms continued to bring precipitation and cooler temperatures to New Mexico during the week. Most areas received precipitation, except in the southwest corner of the state where conditions remained dry. More significant amounts of precipitation included 1.78 in Clayton, 1.24 in Raton and 0.90 in Chama. Average temperatures across the state were generally cooler, and ranged from 3 to 9 degrees below normal. **Third week of March:** Another storm system impacted New Mexico Saturday and into Monday with showers, thunderstorms and mountain snow. Some snow reports were around 10 to 14 inches in the east side of the central mountain chain and over the Abiquiu area and into the Northern Mountains, around 2 inches in the Albuquerque Foothills. More wintry weather moved in

over New Mexico Friday and into Saturday before tapering off by late Saturday evening. Some snow reports were 8 inches in Tijeras, 13 inches Ute Park and 13 inches in Gascon in Mora County. The temperatures for the week were mostly below normal in most areas of the state. **Last week of March:** Average temperatures this week were in the mid to upper thirties in the northern half of the state. Central New Mexico saw average temperatures in the low to mid forties. The southern half of the state had average temperatures in the upper forties to mid fifties. Departures from normal ranged from 2 below normal around most of the state to 7 below normal in Grants and 5 below normal in Las Vegas and Des Moines. Clayton ended up 1 degree above normal. Santa Fe and Los Alamos were exactly on normal temperatures for this time of year. Precipitation fell across most of the state this week. Some amounts; Des Moines 1.24 in., Clayton 0.11 in., Santa Fe 0.19 in., Farmington 0.07 in., Albuquerque Sunport 0.04 in., Ruidoso 0.26 in., and Animas with 0.06 inches.

WEATHER SUMMARY

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – MARCH 2010

Station	Temperature			Precipitation	
	Mean	Max	Min	Mar	Jan-Mar
Northwest					
Albuquerque	47.5	69	26	0.54	1.44
Chama	29.5	58	1	1.99	5.34
Farmington	42	66	18	0.81	1.97
Gallup	39	67	11	1.05	2.59
Grants	37	66	8	0.5	1.5
Johnson Ranch	38.5	64	13	0.74	1.98
Los Alamos	39.5	59	20	1.22	2.88
Red River				1.78	4.07
Santa Fe	39	64	14	0.74	2.06
Southwest					
Animas	51.5	75	28	0.47	1.66
Deming	51	77	25	0.34	1.36
Gran Quivira	40.5	65	16	0.72	2.24
Quemado	40	66	14	0.8	2.35
Socorro				0.27	1.05
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	Mean	Max	Min	Mar	Jan-Mar
Northeast					
Capulin	36	65	7	0.89	1.85
Clayton	47.5	73	22	0.55	1.1
Clovis	51	78	24	0.59	1.49
Las Vegas	40	60	20	0.63	1.71
Moriarty	38	64	12	0.53	1.44
Raton	42.5	70	15	0.83	1.84
Roy	41.5	67	16	0.55	1.32
Tucumcari	49	77	21	0.4	1.13
Southeast					
Alamogordo	47.5	77	18	0.46	1.67
Carlsbad	55.5	85	26	0.3	1
Carrizozo				0.57	1.74
Las Cruces	53	78	28	0.22	1.05
Roswell	49	77	21	0.45	1.34
Ruidoso	41.5	65	18	1.33	3.61
Tatum	48.5	79	18	0.52	1.41

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