



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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Crop Weather

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 2, 2010

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good. Irrigated winter wheat conditions were mostly good with 16 percent grazed and 45 percent headed. Dry winter wheat conditions were mostly good with 36 percent grazed and 25 percent headed. Chile conditions were mostly fair with 87 percent planted. Lettuce conditions were mostly good to excellent. Onion conditions were mostly good. Pecan conditions were mostly good with an average nut set. Cattle conditions were mostly good. Sheep conditions ranged from good to fair.

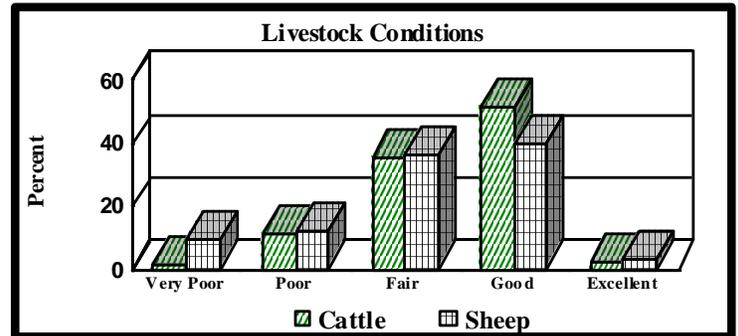
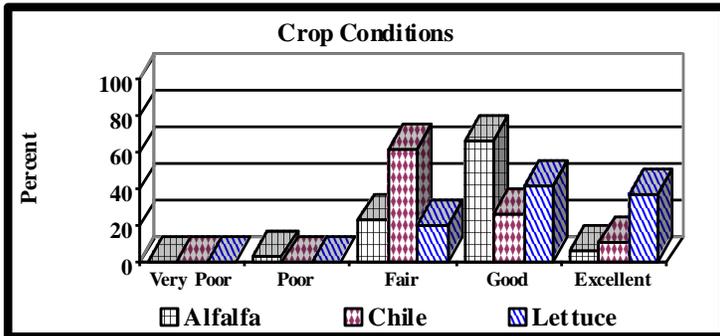
Range and pasture conditions ranged from good to poor. There were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 6 percent very short, 35 percent short, 54 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus. Wind damage was 26 percent light, 16 percent moderate and 11 percent severe, with 38 percent winter wheat wind damage and 5 percent onion wind damage to date. Freeze damage was 11 percent light, 1 percent moderate and 6 percent severe, with 6 percent winter wheat damage to date.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	1 th Cutting	16	15	29	47
Chile	Planted	87	85	89	92
Corn	Planted	23	21	56	49
Corn	Emerged	3	---	---	8
Cotton	Planted	60	50	56	56
Peanut	Planted	34	---	---	2
Sorghum	Planted	6	5	7	2
Wheat	Grazed	28	44	71	N/A

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	4	23	66	7
Chile	---	---	62	27	11
Lettuce	---	---	21	42	37
Onions	---	---	11	65	24
Pecans	--	---	1	99	---
Wheat (All)	---	1	25	60	14
Cattle	1	11	35	51	2
Sheep	9	12	36	40	3
Range/Pasture	9	23	33	33	2



County Reporter Comments:

Rio Arriba There was freeze damage to most crops, especially fruit. **Valencia** High winds Thursday, with gusts up to 55-60 mph. **Quay** High winds continued to cause damage to crops and rob soil moisture. Very little alfalfa acres left in the district with most of it in poor condition. Alfalfa with irrigation is good to excellent with the first cutting completed.

Grant Spring branding continued and supplemental feeding decreased with the growth of spring grasses. **Chaves** Silage harvest was started the first part of last week. The first cutting of alfalfa also started this past week. Area had high winds, but no damage to crops was reported.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	8	54	37	1
Northeast	11	23	62	4
Southwest	---	40	44	16
Southeast	2	17	81	---
State Current	6	35	54	5
State-Last Week	7	17	69	7
State-Last Year	38	44	18	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	32	32	34	2

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	10	32	42	14	2
Northeast	---	12	35	48	5
Southwest	23	29	17	31	---
Southeast	5	24	34	36	1
State Current	9	23	33	33	2
State-Last Week	15	22	33	28	2
State-Last Year	9	37	48	7	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	12	27	34	25	1

WEATHER SUMMARY

Last week, a cold front moved through the state bringing a few showers, snow in higher elevations and very low temperatures in the northeastern plains. Most of the state was 10 degrees below

normal with the exception of Ruidoso which was just a few degrees below normal. Rainfall amounts were mainly in the north and central New Mexico with the highest amount at Gallup.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – APRIL 26 – MAY 2, 2010

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week	Month	Accum.	Normal	Normal
				26 Apr 02 May	01 May 02 May	01 Jan 02 May	May	Jan-May
Northwest								
Albuquerque	53.6	79	31	0.04	0.04	1.92	0.50	2.46
Chama	39.1	66	15	0.19	0.16	7.17	1.11	7.72
Farmington	49.6	77	25	0.11	0.10	4.28	0.67	3.15
Gallup	44.7	74	23	0.21	0.14	2.90	0.51	3.74
Grants	46.6	74	22	0.13	0.06	2.86	0.53	2.48
Johnson Ranch	47.0	74	18	0.00	0.00	2.14	0.62	3.09
Los Alamos	46.4	69	26	0.00	0.00	3.96	1.17	5.05
Red River	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.77	7.52
Santa Fe	45.9	72	19	0.01	0.00	4.67	1.22	4.09
Northeast								
Capulin	46.0	76	21	0.02	0.02	4.30	2.30	5.16
Clayton	54.4	83	35	0.00	0.00	5.11	1.99	4.03
Clovis	55.4	84	35	0.05	0.05	1.89	1.87	4.17
Las Vegas	46.0	73	22	0.00	0.00	1.98	1.82	4.36
Moriarty	47.5	74	26	0.02	0.02	3.96	0.97	3.07
Raton	48.5	78	26	0.00	0.00	3.64	2.27	5.17
Roy	50.8	77	28	0.00	0.00	3.10	1.84	3.98
Tucumcari	57.0	85	33	0.00	0.00	4.09	1.49	3.49
Southwest								
Animas	59.5	84	34	0.00	0.00	3.59	0.18	2.04
Deming	58.7	84	30	0.00	0.00	3.73	0.19	1.73
Gran Quivira	51.4	74	28	1.00	1.00	3.91	0.82	3.70
Quemado	45.6	73	24	0.00	0.00	1.61	0.50	3.45
Socorro	58.1	83	38	0.00	0.00	1.52	0.52	1.93
T or C	59.2	81	37	0.01	0.01	2.43	0.49	1.89
Southeast								
Alamogordo	60.8	83	37	0.00	0.00	3.57	0.45	2.38
Carlsbad	62.6	91	40	0.00	0.00	3.19	1.16	2.65
Carrizozo	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.62	2.72
Las Cruces	60.0	85	42	0.00	0.00	1.68	0.29	1.55
Roswell	56.9	89	39	0.00	0.00	4.49	1.24	3.23
Ruidoso	49.6	71	30	0.13	0.13	6.25	0.87	5.11
Tatum	55.5	85	36	0.00	0.00	2.98	2.09	4.14

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