



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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Crop Weather

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 7, 2010

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good to fair with 89 percent of the sixth cutting complete, 44 percent of the seventh cutting complete and 10 percent of the eighth cutting complete. Corn was 91 percent harvested for grain. Cotton conditions were mostly good to fair with 50 percent harvested. Irrigated sorghum 81 percent mature and 41 percent harvested for grain. Dry sorghum 88 percent mature and 54 percent harvested for grain. Irrigated winter wheat conditions were mostly good with 89 percent emerged. Dry winter wheat was mostly fair. Apples were 98 percent harvested. Chile 61 percent harvested red. Lettuce conditions ranged from fair to excellent with 66 percent harvested. Peanuts 74 percent harvested. Pecan conditions were mostly good to excellent.

Cattle conditions were mostly good. Sheep conditions were mostly good to fair. Range and pasture conditions were mostly fair to good. There were 7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 44 percent short and 33 percent adequate. Wind damage was 3 percent light with 53 percent of cotton, 16 percent of sorghum and 16 percent of winter wheat damaged by wind to date. Freeze damage was 15 percent light, 14 percent moderate and 6 percent severe with 33 percent winter wheat damaged by freeze to date. There was no hail damage this week with 9 percent of cotton and 6 percent of sorghum damaged by hail to date.

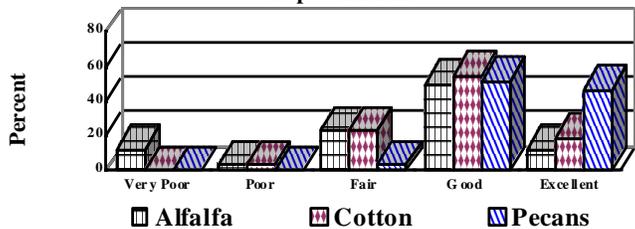
CROP PROGRESS
PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	6 th Cutting	89	82	94	88
Alfalfa	7 th Cutting	44	31	56	39
Alfalfa	8 th Cutting	10	3	1	2
Chile red	Harvested	61	46	64	73
Corn	Harvested	91	67	75	82
Cotton	Harvested	50	27	49	42
Cotton	Open Bolls	100	96	99	99
Lettuce	Harvested	66	41	-	71
Peanuts	Harvested	74	69	72	86
Sorghum	Mature	86	77	90	82
Sorghum	Harvested	49	42	36	33

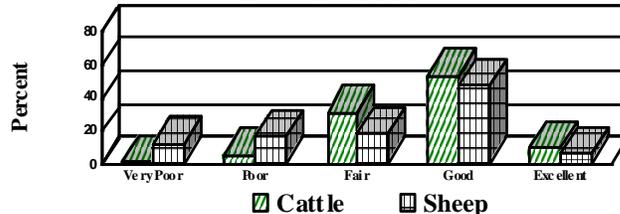
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	12	3	23	50	12
Cotton	-	3	23	55	19
Lettuce	-	-	31	43	26
Pecans	-	-	3	51	46
Winter Wheat	-	2	64	32	2
Cattle	1	5	31	53	10
Sheep	12	17	18	47	6

Crop Conditions



Livestock Conditions



COUNTY REPORTER COMMENTS:

Curry: Corn harvest complete, cotton harvest in progress, wheat planting complete, alfalfa season winding down. Have had some light frosts. Cattle being turned on wheat pasture; calves and all livestock beginning to lose summer bloom. Calves seen at auctions still in good to excellent flesh condition but not as fat as a few weeks ago. Cool nights and warm days affecting weaning calves and shipped in stockers.

De Baca: Farmers have planted their winter wheat and some were harvesting cotton. Alfalfa cutting and baling mostly completed for this crop year. Ranchers were busy marketing calves and purchasing winter feed.

Santa Fe: Alfalfa, forage crops essentially shut down; cold temps & freezes have halted growth. Few farmers may be working on last clipping. It has been very dry again lately; some farmers & ranchers worried about "winter kill" on forage and pasture, wherein it gets warm and then cold. Farmers pretty well done with all other crops. Cattle ranchers will be moving cattle onto forage for grazing now that a hard enough freeze has occurred. **Guadalupe:** Crops have just about all been harvested this year and all winter wheat has been planted. Ranchers were marketing calves, contracting winter feed, and planning their conservation practices.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	27	43	30	-
Northeast	28	45	27	-
Southwest	9	52	39	-
Southeast	23	38	39	-
State Current	23	44	33	-
State-Last Week	10	48	42	-
State-Last Year	19	39	42	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	17	38	44	1

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	18	19	33	30	-
Northeast	6	15	49	27	3
Southwest	-	5	55	37	3
Southeast	1	4	29	56	10
State Current	6	12	42	36	4
State-Last Week	5	10	42	38	5
State-Last Year	7	32	47	14	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	6	19	37	30	8

WEATHER SUMMARY

Temperatures remained above normal this week across the state. Northwestern NM saw average temperatures in the forties, ranging from 5 to 12 degrees above normal. Southwest NM temperatures were in the mid to upper fifties, which ranged from 7 to 11 degrees above normal. Northeast NM average temperatures ranged from the upper forties to mid fifties in some

areas, staying around 7 degrees above normal. Southeast NM average temperatures were in the fifties, staying only 3 to 6 degrees above normal. Most of the state remained dry this week with only 0.01 inch recorded at Des Moines and a trace at Raton and Clayton.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – NOVEMBER 1 - 7, 2010

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week	Month	Accum.	Normal	Normal
				01 Nov 07 Nov	01 Nov 07 Nov	01 Jan 07 Nov	Oct	Jan-Nov
Northwest								
Albuquerque	54.6	70	40	0.00	0.00	7.91	0.43	8.38
Chama	45.4	68	23	0.00	0.00	18.34	1.72	19.81
Farmington	49.1	72	28	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.94	8.12
Gallup	44.9	71	19	0.00	0.00	9.34	0.95	11.91
Grants	46.0	72	22	0.00	0.00	9.46	0.58	10.14
Johnson Ranch	45.4	70	20	0.00	0.00	8.41	0.69	10.85
Los Alamos	48.6	65	32	0.00	0.00	15.36	1.02	17.64
Red River	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.18	19.33
Santa Fe	50.4	71	28	0.00	0.00	13.50	0.63	13.21
Northeast								
Capulin	45.0	73	22	0.01	0.01	13.31	0.67	16.94
Clayton	53.9	78	30	T	T	17.96	0.52	14.80
Clovis	52.9	77	32	0.00	0.00	10.46	0.73	16.97
Las Vegas	47.6	69	25	0.00	0.00	13.34	0.58	18.36
Moriarty	44.9	71	21	0.00	0.00	12.15	0.40	12.17
Raton	48.2	76	25	T	T	15.52	0.61	16.22
Roy	48.9	73	30	0.00	0.00	15.30	0.50	15.29
Tucumcari	54.7	79	31	0.00	0.00	12.35	0.51	13.90
Southwest								
Animas	-	-	-	-	-	10.08	0.71	10.62
Deming	55.4	78	33	0.00	0.00	8.53	0.64	9.73
Gran Quivira	49.9	70	31	0.00	0.00	14.53	0.91	14.92
Quemado	44.9	72	17	0.00	0.00	6.74	0.45	13.04
Socorro	55.6	76	37	0.00	0.00	3.17	0.47	8.95
T or C	56.6	76	37	0.00	0.00	7.02	0.60	9.22
Southeast								
Alamogordo	54.6	75	36	0.00	0.00	13.47	0.71	11.92
Carlsbad	56.9	81	33	0.00	0.00	14.38	0.59	12.38
Carrizozo	49.9	71	27	0.00	0.00	1.93	0.76	12.07
Las Cruces	56.7	78	36	0.00	0.00	13.88	0.53	8.72
Roswell	54.0	77	30	0.00	0.00	15.05	0.55	12.38
Ruidoso	50.1	76	29	0.00	0.00	20.24	0.88	19.72
Tatum	52.9	77	31	0.00	0.00	10.18	0.55	15.57

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