



**WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER**

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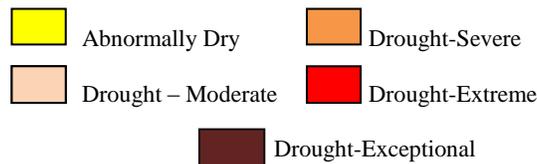
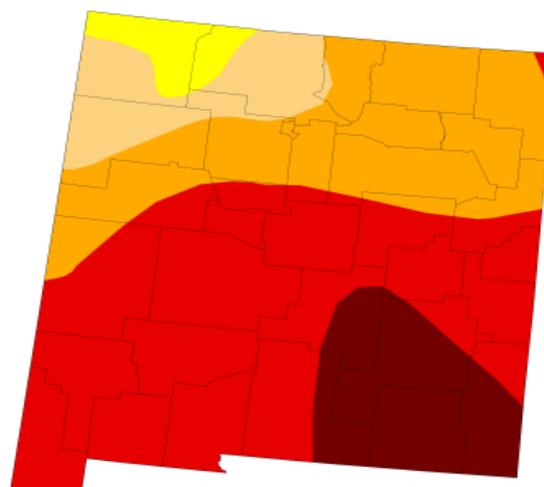
**Crop Weather**

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**CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 8, 2011**

**NEW MEXICO:** Alfalfa conditions were mostly good. Cotton was 75% planted. Sorghum was 12% planted. Winter wheat was mostly very poor; with 87% of the total wheat headed. Lettuce condition ranged from fair to excellent. Chile was mostly fair to excellent; with 100% planted. Onion conditions were mostly good. Pecan conditions were mostly fair. Cattle conditions were mostly fair. Sheep conditions were mostly fair to poor. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor to fair. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.7. Topsoil moisture was 59% very short, 33% short and 8% adequate. Wind damage was 18% light, 3% moderate and 1% severe. Freeze damage was 8% light and 4% moderate.

**U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR  
NEW MEXICO**



CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS					
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	75	45	46	55
Chile	Planted	100	96	90	94
Corn	Planted	65	57	38	53
Corn	Emerged	20	12	9	14
Cotton	Planted	75	70	65	65
Lettuce	Harvested	75	-	58	21
Peanut	Planted	20	10	39	17
Sorghum	Planted	12	10	8	4
Winter	Headed	87	53	55	52

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	2	32	56	9
Chile	-	3	46	24	27
Lettuce	-	-	26	37	37
Onion	-	-	10	65	25
Pecan	-	-	60	25	15
Winter Wheat	57	14	23	4	2
Cattle	3	30	50	16	1
Sheep	16	28	44	12	-

**COUNTY REPORTER COMMENTS:**

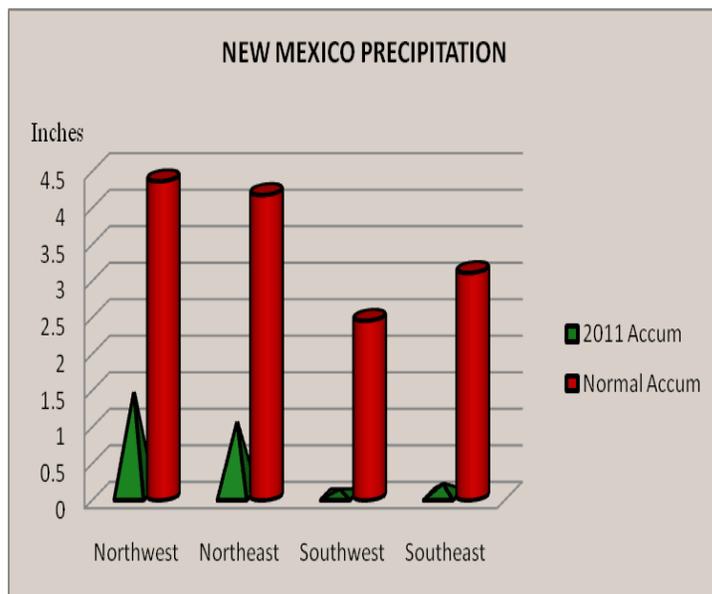
**Taos:** The county continues to remain dry regardless, of snow and rain showers at the beginning of the week. **Colfax:** The grasshoppers are out and very big already. **De Baca:** Fort Sumner valley is currently irrigating crops. Branding calves. Finishing wheat hay cutting and baling. Alfalfa being cut. **Guadalupe:** Pasture conditions are very dry. No rain or moisture this past week. Last weekend had a little mist - very little. No real moisture not even snow. Cattle and livestock conditions are doing well due to the heavy supplemental feeding. Many ranchers are hauling water. Farmers are completing their plantings of their crops and irrigating. **Quay:** Some cooler temperatures early this week, however still no precipitation. Wind had continued early in the week but has tapered off toward the end. All crops and rangeland in very poor conditions. Cattlemen still supplemental feeding cattle. **Otero / Lincoln:** Heavy supplemental feeding of livestock continues. **Chaves:** Very, very dry. High winds.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	15	55	30	-
Northeast	76	24	-	-
Southwest	58	42	-	-
Southeast	63	28	9	-
State Current	59	33	8	-
State-Last Week	62	25	13	-
State-Last Year	13	37	49	1
State-5-Yr Avg.	37	31	31	1

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	32	51	17	-	-
Northeast	46	37	17	-	-
Southwest	-	86	14	-	-
Southeast	28	41	28	3	-
State Current	33	46	20	1	-
State-Last Week	28	44	26	2	-
State-Last Year	7	25	40	27	1
State-5-Yr Avg.	15	31	33	20	1

## WEATHER SUMMARY

Temperatures across New Mexico were cooler early in the week but warmed each day as sunny skies, along with dry and breezy to windy conditions prevailed. Average temperatures for the week ranged from 6 to 13 degrees below normal in southeast New Mexico. In the remainder of the state, average temperatures were near to a few degrees below normal. Precipitation amounts of a tenth of an inch or less were reported early in the week, from the northern mountains to the northeast plains.



NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - MAY 02 - MAY 8, 2011										
Station	Temperature			Precipitation						
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 02 May-08 May		Month 02 May-08 May		Accum. 01 Jan-08 May	Normal May	Normal Jan-May
<b>Northwest</b>										
Albuquerque	61.2	87	32	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.50	2.46		
Chama	42.9	72	18	0.00	0.05	4.45	1.11	7.72		
Farmington	54.8	82	26	0.00	0.00	1.77	0.67	3.15		
Gallup	49.9	79	15	0.00	0.00	1.18	0.51	3.74		
Grants	51.0	81	16	0.00	0.00	0.17	0.53	2.48		
Johnson Ranch	48.8	80	21	0.00	0.00	0.83	0.62	3.09		
Los Alamos	55.6	78	31	0.00	0.00	0.57	1.17	5.05		
Red River	40.9	68	15	0.10	0.26	3.23	1.77	7.52		
Santa Fe	51.3	81	20	0.00	0.00	0.49	1.22	4.09		
<b>Northeast</b>										
Capulin	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	2.38	2.30	5.16		
Clayton	59.6	89	32	0.00	0.16	0.82	1.99	4.03		
Clovis	60.7	93	32	0.00	0.00	0.48	1.87	4.17		
Las Vegas	51.6	80	21	0.00	0.15	0.43	1.82	4.36		
Moriarty	49.0	82	16	0.00	0.00	0.58	0.97	3.07		
Raton	53.6	87	23	0.03	0.31	0.91	2.27	5.17		
Roy	-	-	-	0.00	0.50	1.41	1.84	3.98		
Tucumcari	61.6	95	28	0.01	0.01	1.07	1.49	3.49		
<b>Southwest</b>										
Animas	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.18	2.04		
Deming	63.6	91	39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.19	1.73		
Gran Quivira	54.4	83	23	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.82	3.70		
Quemado	46.6	77	12	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.50	3.45		
Socorro	62.5	91	30	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.52	1.93		
T or C	64.1	91	36	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.49	1.89		
<b>Southeast</b>										
Alamogordo	62.4	91	32	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.45	2.38		
Carlsbad	65.6	98	34	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.16	2.65		
Carrizozo	56.0	86	32	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.62	2.72		
Las Cruces	65.9	97	40	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.29	1.55		
Roswell	58.3	91	31	0.00	0.00	0.18	1.24	3.23		
Ruidoso	52.8	81	24	0.00	0.00	0.37	0.87	5.11		
Tatum	53.7	96	28	0.00	0.00	0.22	2.09	4.14		

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