



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 7, 2011

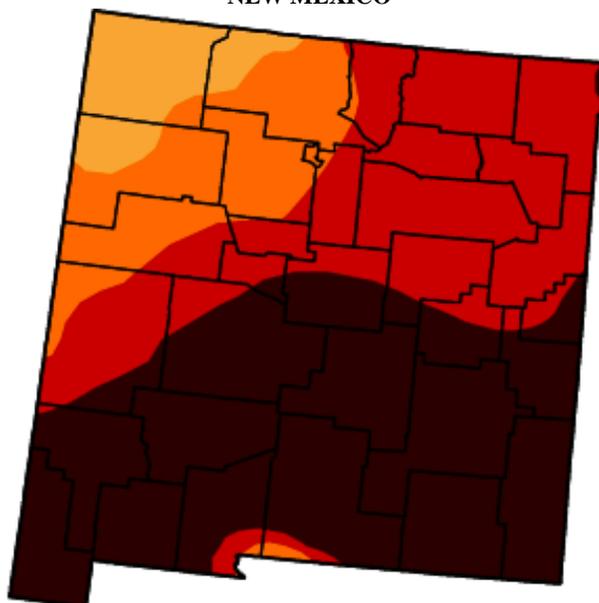
NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly fair to good; third cutting 98% complete; fourth cutting 55% complete. Corn was mostly fair; 76% silked; 13% dough; 5% dent. Cotton was mostly poor to fair; 95% squaring; 45% setting bolls; 1% bolls opening. Sorghum was ranged from very poor to fair; 17% headed; 4% turning color. Peanuts were mostly fair; 60% pegging. Chile was mostly fair; 10% green harvested. Onions 88% harvested. Pecan conditions were mostly good. Apples were mostly poor. Cattle conditions were mostly poor to fair. Sheep conditions were mostly fair to good. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.8. Topsoil moisture was 60% very short, 29% short and 11% adequate. Wind damage was 12% light and 4% moderate.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS					
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	3 rd Cutting	98	97	94	88
Alfalfa	4 th Cutting	55	35	54	52
Chile	Harvested	10	1	18	18
Corn	Silking	76	70	91	87
Corn	Dough	13	6	16	31
Cotton	Squaring	95	90	85	95
Cotton	Set Bolls	45	41	47	68
Onion	Harvested	88	83	92	96
Peanut	Pegging	60	50	63	71
Sorghum	Headed	17	7	22	30

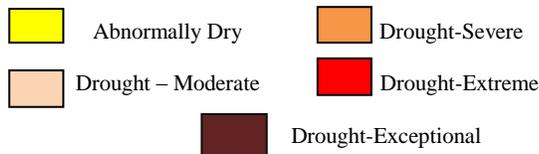
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	12	10	42	33	3
Chile	-	2	55	26	17
Corn	2	13	52	26	7
Cotton	8	33	30	16	13
Peanut	-	14	80	6	-
Pecan	-	1	17	81	1
Sorghum	31	24	39	6	-
Cattle	17	33	33	15	2
Sheep	17	25	34	24	-

Additional Comments Guadalupe: We have received some rain and showers this week. Yesterday right here in Santa Rosa we got 4/10 of an inch. Range Conditions are improving a little. Hopefully we continue to get more rain. The rains have been real spotty. Daytime temperatures have been really hot this week. Many ranchers are culling their herds and selling their calves earlier. Farmers are irrigating their crops, where possible. The Anton Chico Area has run out of water for irrigation. Chaves: Scattered showers. High temperatures. Socorro: Recent rains have improved range conditions in isolated areas. Some grass not viable, but what is alive is greening up. Cattle are in poor shape on some places with ranchers holding on waiting for more rain and better conditions. Some hay down during rain, but will sell easily. Eddy: 291 days with less than 0.25" of rain. 57 days greater than 100 F.

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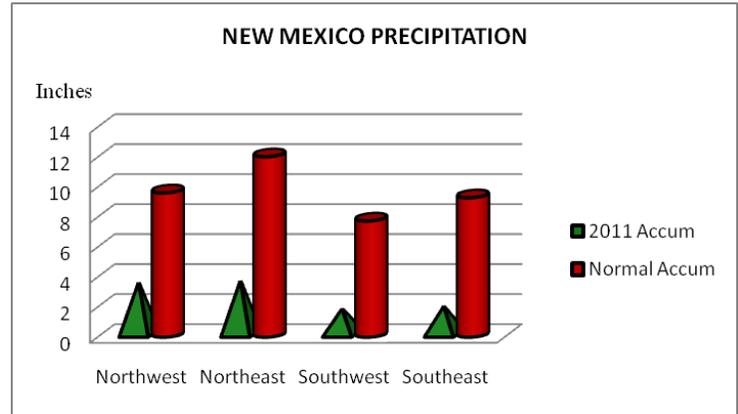


SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	-	-	-	-
Northeast	72	28	-	-
Southwest	44	18	36	2
Southeast	52	43	5	-
State Current	60	29	11	-
State-LastWeek	63	27	10	-
State-Last Year	4	26	68	2
State-5-Yr Avg.	9	33	53	5

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Northeast	65	26	6	3	-
Southwest	34	45	21	-	-
Southeast	50	36	14	-	-
State Current	53	34	12	1	-
State-Last Week	53	35	11	1	-
State-Last Year	1	6	37	46	10
State-5-Yr Avg.	6	18	38	32	6

WEATHER SUMMARY

Showers and thunderstorms were scattered across many portions of New Mexico during the week, except in the southeast plains, where conditions remained hot and dry. Rainfall amounts included Capulin 1.40 inches, Chama 0.91 inches, Los Alamos 0.87 inches and Ruidoso 1.63 inches. Drier air moved into the state during the weekend, with only a few showers and thunderstorms reported mainly in the south-central mountains. Average temperatures for the week ranged from a few degrees above normal in central and northern New Mexico. Temperatures were 7-9 degrees above normal in the east and south parts of the state.



NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – August 1 – August 7, 2011									
Station	Temperature			Precipitation					
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week	Month	Accum.	Normal	Normal	
				01 Aug – 07 Aug	01 Aug- 07 Aug	01 Jan-07 Aug	Aug	Jan-Aug	
Northwest									
Albuquerque	81.3	99	65	0.12	0.12	0.70	1.64	6.06	
Chama	64.4	85	45	0.91	0.91	7.89	2.82	13.90	
Farmington	76.5	96	56	0.00	0.00	3.40	1.05	5.36	
Gallup	70.2	90	52	0.41	0.41	4.29	2.26	8.36	
Grants	70.6	92	49	0.08	0.08	1.28	2.16	6.95	
Johnson Ranch	71.6	91	49	0.00	0.00	0.97	2.29	7.72	
Los Alamos	69.8	87	56	0.87	0.87	2.24	3.52	13.18	
Red River	61.1	83	41	0.72	0.72	7.26	3.10	15.03	
Santa Fe	72.6	94	52	0.07	0.07	2.65	2.39	10.03	
Northeast									
Capulin	73.4	92	57	1.40	1.40	8.08	2.56	13.08	
Clayton	80.3	101	64	0.33	0.33	4.85	2.61	11.61	
Clovis	83.6	100	66	0.21	0.21	2.69	3.17	12.74	
Las Vegas	72.2	92	56	0.52	0.52	3.29	4.27	13.87	
Moriarty	72.9	94	56	0.47	0.47	2.63	2.69	9.06	
Raton	74.0	99	50	0.42	0.42	3.60	3.21	13.03	
Roy	76.0	89	63	0.00	0.00	1.77	2.81	11.84	
Tucumcari	84.0	104	66	0.03	0.03	1.25	2.41	10.98	
Southwest									
Animas	81.7	96	65	0.12	0.12	3.01	2.34	7.08	
Deming	83.4	101	68	0.06	0.06	0.88	2.05	6.48	
Gran Quivira	74.6	93	58	0.25	0.25	2.10	3.27	10.79	
Quemado	69.5	85	54	0.00	0.00	2.22	3.12	9.68	
Socorro	79.0	99	63	0.00	0.00	0.56	1.90	5.84	
T or C	82.9	101	65	0.05	0.05	1.08	2.15	6.59	
Southeast									
Alamogordo	84.0	100	66	0.03	0.03	2.33	2.41	7.92	
Carlsbad	88.9	105	69	0.00	0.00	0.46	2.25	7.99	
Carrizozo	78.2	95	62	0.27	0.27	1.19	2.69	8.24	
Las Cruces	86.1	102	71	0.05	0.05	2.84	2.29	5.92	
Roswell	79.2	96	61	0.00	0.00	1.50	2.03	8.77	
Ruidoso	71.1	89	55	1.63	1.63	3.22	4.04	15.03	
Tatum	84.6	102	62	0.00	0.00	1.15	2.48	11.17	

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