



**United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service**



MONTHLY AG UPDATE –NOVEMBER 2011

USDA/NASS NEW MEXICO FIELD OFFICE

Issue 2011 November AG

Available on the Internet: www.nass.usda.gov/nm , or by email: nass-nm@nass.usda.gov (1-800-530-8810 for information)

NASS Reduces Agricultural Estimation Programs

In light of funding reductions in fiscal year (FY) 2011 and the likelihood of additional reductions in FY 2012, NASS conducted deliberate reviews of all programs. The following programs have been affected in New Mexico. More information on these and other reductions within NASS can be found at http://www.nass.usda.gov/Newsroom/Notices/10_17_2011.asp

- Annual Reports on Farm Numbers, Land in Farms and Livestock Operations - Eliminate
- Trout Reports – Eliminate all
- Pecan and Onion Forecast
- January Sheep and Goat Report - Eliminate
- July Cattle Report - Eliminate

PEANUT PRICE HIGHLIGHTS

UNITED STATES: Peanut prices received by farmers for all farmer stock peanuts averaged 28.8 cents per pound for the week ending October 29, up 0.2 cent from the previous week. Marketings of all farmer stock peanuts for the week ending October 29 totaled 94.9 million pounds, down 15.6 million pounds from the previous week. Runner-type peanut prices averaged 28.2 cents per pound for the week ending October 29, up 0.4 cent from the previous week. Marketings of runner-type peanuts were 66.7 million pounds, down 19.5 million pounds from the previous week.

*Peanut Prices and Marketings by Type - United States:
October 1 - 29, 2011*

<i>Item and Type</i>	10/01/2011	10/08/2011	Week Ending 10/15/2011	10/22/2011	10/29/2011
----- Dollars per Pound -----					
<i>Average Price</i>					
<i>Runners</i>	0.236	0.254	0.264	0.278	0.282
<i>Spanish</i>	(X)	0.445	(X)	(D)	(D)
<i>Valencias</i>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(D)	(D)
<i>Virginias</i>	0.240	0.301	0.297	0.315	0.302
<i>All</i>	0.236	0.261	0.268	0.286	0.288
----- 1,000 Pounds -----					
<i>Marketings 1/</i>					
<i>Runners</i>	78,370	76,599	63,626	86,197	66,724
<i>Spanish</i>	-	11	-	(D)	(D)
<i>Valencias</i>	-	-	-	(D)	(D)
<i>Virginias</i>	1,438	13,962	10,617	24,077	26,720
<i>All</i>	79,808	90,572	74,243	110,437	94,875
<p align="center">- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (X) Not applicable. ^{1/}Quantity purchased from farmers.</p>					

OCTOBER MILK PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Milk production in New Mexico during September totaled 669 million pounds compared to 641 million pounds during the same time period in 2010. Milk per cow for the month averaged 2,020 pounds. Number of milk cows on farms was 331,000 head, up 13,000 head from 2010.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 23 major States during September totaled 14.8 billion pounds, up 1.9 percent from September 2010. August revised production at 15.3 billion pounds, was up 2.3 percent from August 2010. The August revision represented an increase of 17 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,742 pounds for September, 12 pounds above September 2010. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 101,000 head more than September 2010, and 1,000 head more than August 2011.

Milk Cows and Production: August 2011 and September 2010 - 2011

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}			Milk per Cow ^{2/}			Milk Production ^{2/}		
	8/11	9/10	9/11	8/11	9/10	9/11	8/11	9/10	9/11
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	187	182	189	1,810	1,750	1,765	338	319	334
CA	1,777	1,752	1,777	1,970	1,880	1,865	3,501	3,294	3,314
CO	129	122	130	2,000	1,945	1,935	258	237	252
FL	119	113	119	1,400	1,255	1,330	167	142	158
ID	582	571	582	2,030	1,900	1,920	1,181	1,085	1,117
IL	98	99	98	1,540	1,485	1,520	151	147	149
IN	171	169	171	1,680	1,610	1,645	287	272	281
IA	199	205	198	1,770	1,670	1,750	352	342	347
KS	124	121	124	1,750	1,685	1,710	217	204	212
MI	368	359	369	1,955	1,885	1,870	719	677	690
MN	471	470	471	1,560	1,530	1,515	735	719	714
MO	95	98	95	1,105	1,125	1,110	105	110	105
NM	330	318	331	2,065	2,015	2,020	681	641	669
NY	610	611	610	1,785	1,695	1,700	1,089	1,036	1,037
OH	267	270	268	1,590	1,560	1,550	425	421	415
OR	123	121	122	1,760	1,660	1,680	216	201	205
PA	539	542	537	1,640	1,600	1,590	884	867	854
TX	435	415	435	1,795	1,695	1,780	781	703	774
UT	88	85	87	1,830	1,770	1,760	161	150	153
VT	134	136	134	1,580	1,485	1,515	212	202	203
VA	96	95	96	1,460	1,430	1,415	140	136	136
WA	265	253	265	2,040	1,935	1,950	541	490	517
WI	1,264	1,264	1,264	1,745	1,650	1,680	2,206	2,086	2,124
23 STS	8,471	8,371	8,472	1,812	1,730	1,742	15,347	14,481	14,760

^{1/} Includes dry cows; excludes heifers not yet fresh. ^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

NOVEMBER CROP PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Sorghum for Grain production forecast is 1.95 million bushels with yields at 65.0 bushels per acre and an expected harvest of 30,000 acres. **Peanut** production is forecast at 21 million pounds with yields at 3,000 pounds per acre and an expected harvest of 7,000 acres. **Upland Cotton** production forecast is 125,000 bales with yields at 952 pounds per acre and expected harvest of 63,000 acres. **American-Pima** production forecast is 5.2 thousand bales with yields at 832 pounds per acre and an expected harvest of 3,000 acres.

UNITED STATES: Corn production is forecast at 12.3 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the October forecast and down 1 percent from 2010. If realized, this will be the fourth largest production total on record for the United States. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 146.7 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from the October forecast and down 6.1 bushels from 2010. If realized, this will be the lowest average yield since 2003. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 83.9 million acres, unchanged from the October forecast. **Soybean** production is forecast at 3.05 billion bushels, down slightly from the October forecast and down 9 percent from last year. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.3 bushels per acre, down 0.2 bushel from last month and down 2.2 bushels from last year. If realized, the average yield will be the second lowest since 2003. Area for harvest is forecast at 73.7 million acres, unchanged from October but down 4 percent from 2010. **All cotton** production is forecast at 16.3 million 480-pound bales, down 2 percent from the October forecast and down 10 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 794 pounds per harvested acre, down 18 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 15.6 million 480-pound bales, down 12 percent from 2010. American Pima production, forecast at 737,200 bales, was carried forward from last month.

Area Harvested, Yield, and Production for Selected States and United States, 2010 and Forecasted November 1, 2011

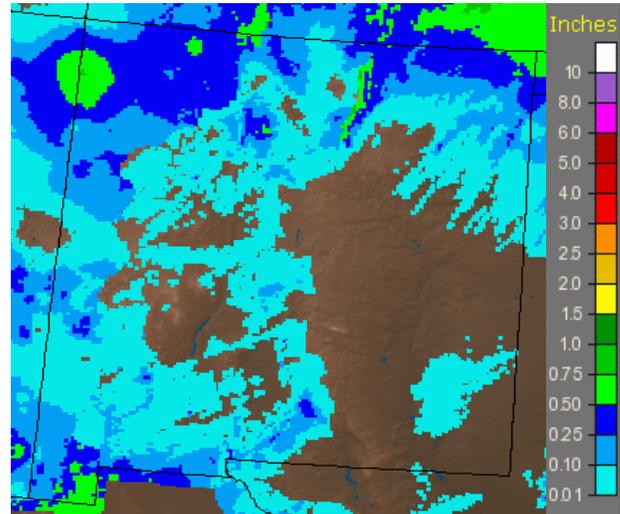
State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production	
	2010	2011	2010	2011		2010	2011
				Oct 1	Nov 1		
	----- 1,000 Acres -----		----- Bushels -----			----- 1,000 Bushel -----	
Corn for Grain							
CO	1,210	1,350	151.0	127.0	120.0	182,710	162,000
NM ^{1/}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TX	2,080	1,700	145.0	112.0	105.0	301,600	178,500
US	81,446	83,936	152.8	148.1	146.7	12,446,865	12,309,936
Sorghum for Grain							
CO	160	160	47.0	39.0	39.0	7,520	6,240
NM	68	30	66.0	65.0	65.0	4,488	1,950
TX	1,700	1,250	70.0	52.0	54.0	119,000	67,500
US	4,808	4,432	71.8	55.0	55.5	345,395	245,909
Soybeans							
TX	185	110	30.0	15.0	15.0	5,550	1,650
US	76,610	73,676	43.5	41.5	41.3	3,329,181	3,045,558
Peanuts							
			----- Pounds -----			----- 1,000 Pound -----	
NM	10.0	7.0	3,400	3,000	3,000	34,000	21,000
TX	163.0	105.0	3,600	3,000	3,000	586,800	315,000
US	1,255.0	1,114.0	3,312	3,256	3,275	4,156,840	3,648,500
Upland Cotton							
			----- Pounds -----			----- 1,000 Bales 1/ -----	
AZ	193.0	248.0	1,517	1,510	1,510	610.0	780.0
NM	47.0	63.0	1,174	952	952	115.0	125.0
TX	5,350.0	3,200.0	703	600	578	7,840	3,850
US	10,497.0	9,562.0	805	797	781	17,600.0	15,563.0
Amer-Pima Cotton							
AZ	2.5	11.0	845	873	873	4.4	20.0
NM	2.7	3.0	836	832	832	4.7	5.2
TX	16.5	14.5	902	894	894	31.0	27.0
US	201.7	287.5	1,200	1,231	1,231	504.1	737.2
Potatoes (Fall)							
			----- cwt/acre -----			----- 1,000 cwt -----	
CO	55.2	53.9	390		395	21,528	21,291
NM	(D)	(D)	(D)		(D)	(D)	(D)
US	881.8	938.5	416		410	366,505	385,113

1/ Annual only state (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING November 13, 2011

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good; seventh cutting 90% complete; eighth cutting 35% complete. Corn was mostly fair; 99% harvested for grain. Cotton was mostly poor to good; 53% harvested. Sorghum ranged from very poor to fair; 92% mature and 46% harvested. Winter wheat ranged from very poor to fair; 97% emerged and 15% grazed. Peanuts were mostly fair; 59% harvested. Lettuce was mostly good; 94% harvested. Chile 75% harvested red. Pecan conditions were mostly good. Cattle conditions were mostly poor. Sheep conditions were mostly poor. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.8. Topsoil moisture was 37% very short, 45% short and 18% adequate. Wind damage was 15% light; 20% wind damage to cotton to date, 19% wind damage to sorghum to date, 71% wind damage to winter wheat to date and 3% wind damage to onions to date. Freeze damage 2% light and 17% moderate; 4% freeze damage to winter wheat to date and 6% freeze damage to onions to date. No hail damage to crops this week.

Seven Day Observed Precipitation November 14, 2011



CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS					
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	7 th Cutting	90	81	47	46
Alfalfa	8 th Cutting	35	17	25	7
Chile	Harvested	75	70	67	80
Corn	Grain Hvst	99	87	98	88
Cotton	Harvested	53	41	60	59
Lettuce	Harvested	94	93	81	75
Peanuts	Harvested	59	50	81	89
Sorghum	Mature	92	82	87	88
Sorghum	Harvested	46	26	58	55
W Wheat	Emerged	97	95	98	99

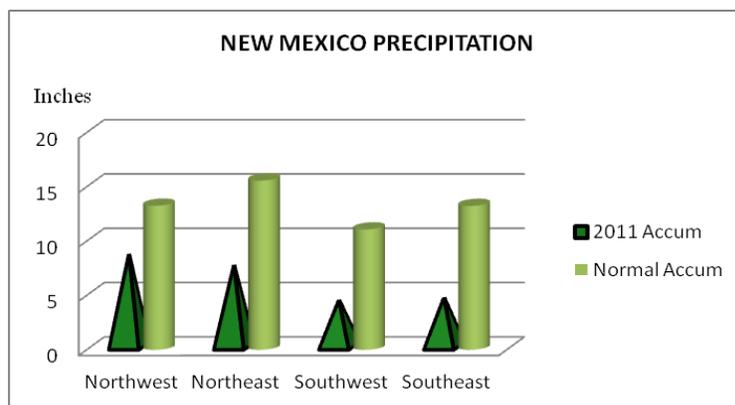
Additional Comments:

Luna/Grant: We received a brief rain shower on Sunday, however, this will not be adequate for range and pasture feed. It is too late in the year. Livestock sales are high. More and more livestock producers are selling parts of their herds to maintain what they can.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	18	48	32	2
Northeast	50	47	3	-
Southwest	40	10	50	-
Southeast	40	58	2	-
State Current	37	45	18	-
State-Last Week	54	41	5	-
State-Last Year	22	48	30	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	20	45	34	1

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	4	3	40	52	1
Corn	2	6	82	5	5
Cotton	15	33	19	19	14
Lettuce	-	-	11	89	-
Peanut	-	38	56	6	-
Pecan	-	1	23	53	23
Sorghum	49	16	34	1	-
Winter Wheat	33	37	30	-	-
Cattle	24	46	28	2	-
Sheep	12	53	27	8	-

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	30	40	30	-	-
Northeast	38	20	21	21	-
Southwest	67	26	7	-	-
Southeast	76	20	4	-	-
State Current	56	26	15	3	-
State-Last Week	56	26	13	4	1
State-Last Year	6	13	38	39	4
State-5-Yr Avg.	6	20	36	32	6



Weather Summary

A strong cold front moved through New Mexico this past week bringing windy conditions, lower temperatures and precipitation across much of the state. Precipitation reports ranged from a few hundredths of an inch to almost an inch in northern New Mexico. The driest spots were noted across the southeast. Temperatures were a few degrees below normal to the west and central mountain chain with near normal temperatures in the east.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS November 7 – November 13, 2011									
Station	Temperature			Precipitation					
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 07 Nov – 13 Nov	Month 01 Nov – 13 Nov	Accum. 01 Jan-13 Nov	Normal Nov	Normal Jan-Nov	
Northwest									
Albuquerque	44.2	65	27	0.01	0.09	3.43	0.43	8.38	
Chama	28.0	47	5	0.81	1.08	17.04	1.72	19.81	
Farmington	36.9	57	21	0.39	0.50	6.89	0.94	8.12	
Gallup	37.1	57	16	0.39	0.81	10.15	0.95	11.91	
Grants	37.3	59	11	0.16	0.16	5.58	0.58	10.14	
Johnson Ranch	34.3	56	12	0.00	0.00	1.90	0.69	10.85	
Los Alamos	36.4	55	21	0.02	0.08	9.09	1.02	17.64	
Red River	30.4	55	5	0.91	1.43	13.47	1.18	19.33	
Santa Fe	37.1	59	18	0.05	0.25	9.08	0.63	13.21	
Northeast									
Capulin	37.1	60	12	0.57	0.64	10.87	0.67	16.94	
Clayton	46.7	70	28	0.23	0.23	7.49	0.52	14.80	
Clovis	48.4	68	27	0.03	0.03	6.69	0.73	16.97	
Las Vegas	39.9	60	16	-	0.04	7.95	0.58	18.36	
Moriarty	37.6	58	15	0.05	0.10	7.10	0.40	12.17	
Raton	36.6	59	16	0.23	0.23	8.09	0.61	16.22	
Roy	-	-	-	-	-	5.47	0.50	15.29	
Tucumcari	49.2	71	25	-	-	6.35	0.51	13.90	
Southwest									
Animas	47.6	67	27	0.08	0.08	6.31	0.71	10.62	
Deming	47.2	70	27	0.02	0.02	2.48	0.64	9.73	
Gran Quivira	38.1	57	18	0.03	0.06	4.72	0.91	14.92	
Quemado	38.9	69	11	0.00	0.11	6.64	0.45	13.04	
Socorro	44.9	64	27	0.00	0.00	0.74	0.47	8.95	
T or C	46.3	67	27	0.00	0.00	4.70	0.60	9.22	
Southeast									
Alamogordo	47.9	71	24	-	0.70	4.75	0.71	11.92	
Carlsbad	53.9	78	26	-	-	2.47	0.59	12.38	
Carrizozo	42.6	63	21	0.02	0.16	4.03	0.76	12.07	
Las Cruces	48.8	68	30	0.00	0.00	5.35	0.53	8.72	
Roswell	47.7	76	24	0.01	0.01	4.13	0.55	12.38	
Ruidoso	40.6	62	20	0.00	0.11	6.26	0.88	19.72	
Tatum	48.3	73	23	0.00	0.00	4.41	0.55	15.57	

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

AGRICULTURAL PRICES RECEIVED

Special Note: Due to funding reductions, this is the last scheduled release of sheep and lamb prices in the Agricultural Prices report. For more information, refer to http://www.nass.usda.gov/Newsroom/Notices/10_17_2011.asp.

Prices Received by Farmers: Selected Commodities, September 2011 and October 2010-2011

Commodity	Unit	New Mexico			U.S. ^{1/} October 2011
		October 2010 ^{2/}	September 2011 ^{2/}	October 2011 ^{1/}	
-----Dollars-----					
CROPS					
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	▪	▪	▪	11.10
Cotton, Upland	Lb.	▪	▪	▪	.915
Potatoes	Cwt.	▪	▪	▪	7.48
Hay, all baled	Ton	161.00	264.00	288.00	181.00
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	165.00	269.00	295.00	203.00
Peanuts	Lb.	0.376	S	S	.262
Corn	Bu.	▪	▪	▪	5.92
Wheat, all	Bu.	▪	▪	▪	6.94
LIVESTOCK					
Sheep ^{3/}	Cwt.	▪	▪	▪	58.40
Lambs ^{3/}	Cwt.	▪	▪	▪	189.00
Cows	Cwt.				63.30
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.				121.00
Calves	Cwt.				139.00
Milk Cow Replacement ^{4/}	Head	1,370.00	-	1,480.00	1,480.00
Milk	Cwt.	18.20	20.30	19.00	19.90

^{1/} Mid-month ^{2/} Entire month ^{3/} September - entire month. ^{4/} Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October. S – Insufficient number of reports to establish estimate.