



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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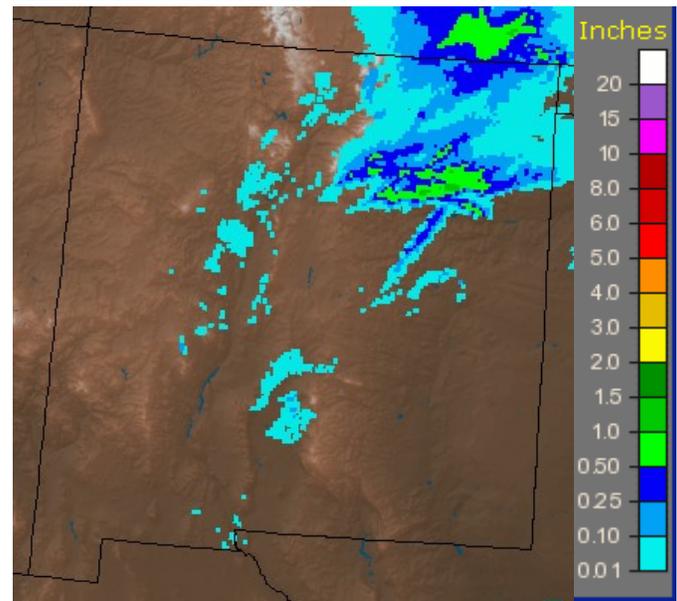
Crop Weather

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING May 6, 2012

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions ranged was good to fair; 60% first cutting complete. Cotton 60% planted. Corn 47% planted; 6% emerged. Sorghum was 8% planted. Winter wheat was mostly very poor; with 52% headed; 59% grazed. Peanut 8% planted. Lettuce condition ranged excellent to good; 30% harvested. Chile condition was mostly good; 95% planted. Onion conditions were mostly good. Apple condition were fair; 20% light fruit set, 40% average fruit set and 40% heavy fruit set. Pecan condition was mostly good; Nut set 100% average. Cattle conditions ranged from fair to very poor. Sheep conditions were mostly fair. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.9. Top-soil moisture was 61% very short, 30% short and 9% adequate. Wind damage was 14% light, 6% moderate and 5% severe; with winter wheat 60% damaged and onions 25% damaged. Freeze damage was 4% light; with winter wheat 1% damaged and onions 3% damaged. No hail damage reported.

Seven Day Observed Precipitation May 7, 2012



CROP PROGRESS
PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	1st Cut	60	31	66	49
Chile	Planted	95	92	99	93
Corn	Planted	47	24	63	53
Corn	Emerged	6	2	18	13
Cotton	Planted	60	53	74	61
Lettuce	Harvested	30	-	54	20
Peanut	Planted	8	2	17	13
Sorghum	Planted	8	5	11	6
W Wheat	Headed	52	38	77	49
W Wheat	Grazed	59	56	62	n/a

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

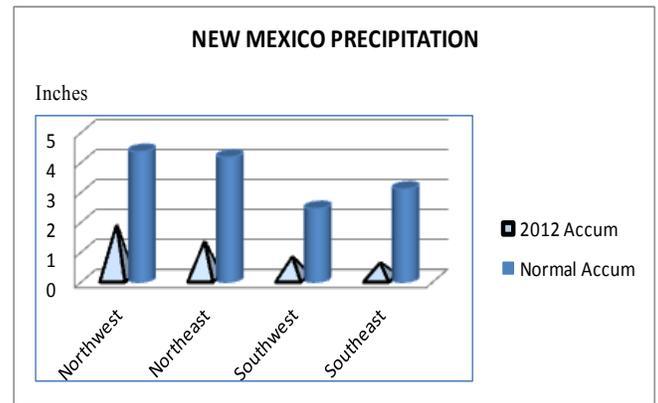
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	2	6	36	50	6
Chile	5	15	22	36	22
Lettuce	-	-	26	37	37
Onion	-	-	16	68	16
Winter Wheat	57	12	24	2	5
Cattle	34	24	36	6	-
Sheep	24	31	35	10	-

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	59	39	2	-
Northeast	84	10	6	-
Southwest	70	25	5	-
Southeast	29	51	20	-
State Current	61	30	9	-
State-Last Week	61	33	6	-
State-Last Year	60	31	9	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	36	31	32	1

Additional Comments: Taos: The County had a cold front last week that froze many blossoms from fruit trees. This week temperatures are warm with mild winds. Farm activities are cleaning ditches, fence repairs, and 1st round of flood irrigation has started. Guadalupe: Farmers watering fields - all irrigation ditches have plenty of water to date. Ranchers are supplemental feeding - cows are calving. Socorro: Crops are growing good with irrigation and high temp. Cattle Ranchers praying for rain!

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	47	34	19	-	-
Northeast	73	20	5	2	-
Southwest	55	30	15	-	-
Southeast	50	37	13	-	-
State Current	57	29	13	1	-
State-Last Week	57	33	10	-	-
State-Last Year	32	45	22	1	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	16	33	32	18	1



Weather Summary

Dry weather during the week and temperatures mostly above normal. A strong cold front plowed into northeast New Mexico on Sunday bringing gusty winds and moisture. Some rainfall reports 0.14in at Las Vegas, 0.11in at Raton, 0.37in at Maxwell and 0.15in at Eagle Nest.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – April 30 – May 6, 2012								
Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 30 Apr – 06 May	Month 01 May–06 May	Accum. 01 Jan–06 May	Normal May	Normal Jan-May
Northwest								
Albuquerque	67.6	85	51	0.00	0.00	1.68	0.50	2.46
Chama	47.6	73	24	0.00	0.00	3.82	1.11	7.72
Farmington	58.9	83	33	0.00	0.00	0.77	0.67	3.15
Gallup	55.5	80	26	0.00	0.00	1.77	0.51	3.74
Grants	57.4	80	28	0.00	0.00	1.12	0.53	2.48
Johnson Ranch	54.6	79	30	0.00	0.00	0.47	0.62	3.09
Los Alamos	61.3	77	42	0.00	0.00	1.66	1.17	5.05
Red River	0.0	69	28	0.00	0.00	3.66	1.77	7.52
Santa Fe	60.2	83	38	0.00	0.00	1.23	1.22	4.09
Northeast								
Capulin	60.4	86	37	0.00	-	2.92	2.30	5.16
Clayton	69.4	92	50			2.07	1.99	4.03
Clovis	72.4	91	51	0.00	0.00	0.27	1.87	4.17
Las Vegas	61.0	83	38	0.14	0.14	1.01	1.82	4.36
Moriarty	61.0	82	37	0.00	0.00	1.26	0.97	3.07
Raton	63.7	91	37	0.11	0.11	1.33	2.27	5.17
Roy	64.3	85	45	0.00	0.00	0.58	1.84	3.98
Tucumcari	73.5	96	54	0.00	0.00	0.48	1.49	3.49
Southwest								
Animas	69.4	94	46	0.00	0.00	1.70	0.18	2.04
Deming	67.1	90	45	0.00	0.00	0.58	0.19	1.73
Gran Quivira	64.7	82	42	0.00	0.00	0.62	0.82	3.70
Quemado	54.1	81	27	0.00	0.00	0.90	0.50	3.45
Socorro	68.1	90	46	0.00	0.00	0.30	0.52	1.93
T or C	70.2	90	50	0.00	0.00	0.27	0.49	1.89
Southeast								
Alamogordo	71.4	90	49	0.00	0.00	0.19	0.45	2.38
Carlsbad	76.6	98	53	0.00	0.00	0.28	1.16	2.65
Carrizozo	62.3	85	38	0.00	0.00	0.55	0.62	2.72
Las Cruces	70.8	90	52	0.00	0.00	0.23	0.29	1.55
Roswell	68.2	89	48	0.00	0.00	0.32	1.24	3.23
Ruidoso	57.3	77	38	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.87	5.11
Tatum	73.4	94	53	0.00	0.00	1.06	2.09	4.14

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