



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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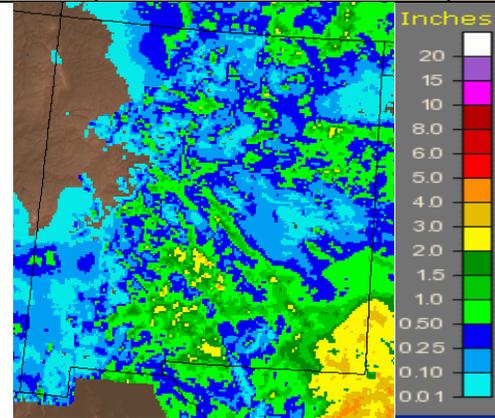
Crop Weather

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING May 13, 2012

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions ranged from good to fair; 77% first cutting complete. Cotton 75% planted. Corn 82% planted; 26% emerged. Sorghum was 13% planted. Winter wheat was mostly very poor; with 80% headed; 66% grazed. Chile condition was mostly fair; 100% planted. Onion conditions were mostly good. Pecan condition was mostly good; Nut set 2% light, 95% average and 3% heavy. Cattle conditions ranged from fair to very poor. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor.

Seven Day Observed Precipitation May 14,



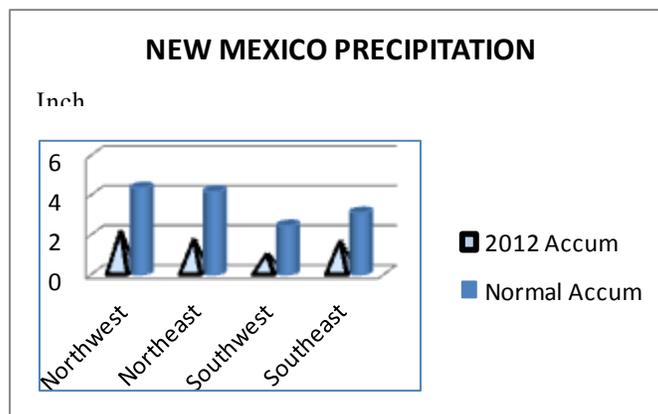
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS					
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	1st Cut	77	60	88	68
Chile	Planted	100	95	100	96
Corn	Planted	82	47	69	64
Corn	Emerged	26	6	27	26
Cotton	Planted	75	60	82	75
Lettuce	Harvested	52	30	88	40
Peanut	Planted	10	8	31	29
Sorghum	Planted	13	8	14	9
W Wheat	Headed	80	52	91	75
W Wheat	Grazed	66	59	67	n/a

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	6	17	32	42	3
Chile	10	13	51	11	15
Lettuce	11	-	23	33	33
Onion	-	8	31	44	17
Winter Wheat	61	10	20	4	5
Cattle	32	32	30	6	-
Sheep	28	42	26	4	-

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	62	28	10	-
Northeast	66	20	14	-
Southwest	21	36	43	-
Southeast	20	40	40	-
State Current	45	30	25	-
State-Last Week	61	30	9	-
State-Last Year	70	25	5	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	38	31	29	2

Additional Comments: Rio Arriba/Santa Fe: Some precipitation this week. Producers continue to irrigate with limited water. Taos: Had a few scattered rain showers and drops in nightly temperatures; causing alfalfa crops to freeze on top. Fruit trees have blooming blossoms freezing and blowing away with the cold nightly temperatures. Colfax: The area received good rains over the weekend with no reports of damaging winds or hail. De Baca: Rangeland pastures are getting dry - need some spring rain. Gualupe: Cloudy skies through Thursday of this week but "0" precipitation received. Quay: Producers are selling seed stock due to drought conditions. No Arch Hurley irrigation water thus far. Wheat has been disastered and has played out for grazing purposes. San Miguel/Mora: This week we had some precipitation from quarter inch to some areas receiving one inch. Luna/Grant: Pasture conditions remain about the same. There has been some scattered moisture, but still not enough to maintain the necessary quality and quantity of pastures. Socorro: Rain showers have come across Socorro County this week providing some interesting weather. For the most part no problems with crops being damaged, but soil moisture definitely improved. Range condition will improve with moisture, but if winds and high heat come in it will be short lived. Chaves: Rain on parts of the county. Some hay still uncut due to rain. Northern part of the county didn't receive as much rain as the southern part of the county. Dona Ana: Excessive rain and hail hit an area from south of Rincon, north to the county line on 5-8-2012 causing severe to light hail damage on all crops. Eddy: Great weather about 1.75 inches of rain to 2.75 in other parts of the county. Some hail in North Eddy County. Ground just now starting to pool water. Most came as slow drizzle. Even farmers with hay down happy to see rain.

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	46	34	20	-	-
Northeast	47	27	15	9	2
Southwest	28	24	22	21	5
Southeast	66	26	8	-	-
State Current	48	28	16	7	1
State-Last Week	57	29	13	1	-
State-Last Year	34	45	19	2	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	18	33	28	20	1



Weather Summary

An active weather week was marked by a couple of surface cold fronts bringing in much needed moisture back into New Mexico. A series of showers and thunderstorms mainly impacted locations on the eastern sides of the western high terrain and central mountain chain. The cities that saw the most precipitation was Carlsbad with 2.72 inches, Roswell with 1.70 inches and Ruidoso with 1.15 inches. The cold fronts kept temperatures around normal in the central and west while the east saw temperatures below normal.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – May 7 – May 13, 2012									
Station	Temperature			Precipitation					
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 07 May–13 May	Month 01 May–13 May	Accum. 01 Jan–13 May	Normal May	Normal Jan-May	
Northwest									
Albuquerque	62.5	80	46	0.19	0.19	1.87	0.50	2.46	
Chama	47.7	73	25	0.90	0.90	4.72	1.11	7.72	
Farmington	60.7	82	37	0.00	-	0.77	0.67	3.15	
Gallup	54.9	81	28	-	-	1.77	0.51	3.74	
Grants	54.6	78	29	0.01	0.01	1.13	0.53	2.48	
Johnson Ranch	55.0	77	33	0.00	0.00	0.47	0.62	3.09	
Los Alamos	52.2	70	37	0.57	0.57	2.23	1.17	5.05	
Red River	43.4	66	27	0.75	0.75	4.41	1.77	7.52	
Santa Fe	53.3	75	33	0.20	0.20	1.43	1.22	4.09	
Northeast									
Capulin	51.1	73	32	1.03	1.03	3.95	2.30	5.16	
Clayton	55.4	76	42	0.09	0.09	2.16	1.99	4.03	
Clovis	58.5	76	43	0.25	0.25	0.52	1.87	4.17	
Las Vegas	49.4	68	34	0.74	0.88	1.75	1.82	4.36	
Moriarty	54.3	74	35	0.82	0.82	2.08	0.97	3.07	
Raton	54.5	77	37	0.56	0.67	1.89	2.27	5.17	
Roy	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	0.58	1.84	3.98	
Tucumcari	63.2	90	46	0.21	-	0.48	1.49	3.49	
Southwest									
Animas	67.8	95	47	0.07	0.07	1.77	0.18	2.04	
Deming	64.8	88	46	0.17	0.17	0.75	0.19	1.73	
Gran Quivira	56.1	79	37	0.50	0.50	1.12	0.82	3.70	
Quemado	51.5	77	29	0.00	0.00	0.90	0.50	3.45	
Socorro	62.6	82	46	0.00	0.00	0.30	0.52	1.93	
T or C	63.4	82	46	0.41	0.38	0.65	0.49	1.89	
Southeast									
Alamogordo	64.0	87	48	0.01	0.01	0.20	0.45	2.38	
Carlsbad	63.6	85	54	2.72	2.72	3.00	1.16	2.65	
Carrizozo	60.2	78	44	0.31	0.31	0.86	0.62	2.72	
Las Cruces	63.8	87	46	0.59	0.59	0.82	0.29	1.55	
Roswell	59.2	71	49	1.70	1.70	2.02	1.24	3.23	
Ruidoso	52.5	75	37	1.15	1.15	2.15	0.87	5.11	
Tatum	59.0	76	45	0.96	0.96	2.02	2.09	4.14	

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