



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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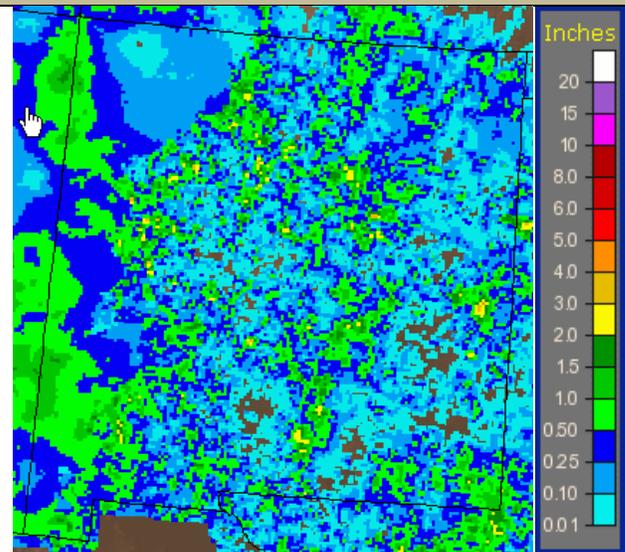
Crop Weather

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING July 29, 2012

**NEW MEXICO:** Alfalfa conditions were mostly good; third cutting 96% complete; fourth cutting 45% complete. Cotton conditions were mostly fair; 88% squared; 38% setting bolls. Corn conditions were mostly fair; 50% silked; 8% dough; 4% dent. Sorghum conditions were mostly fair; 7% headed. Peanut conditions were mostly fair; 65% pegging. Chile conditions were mostly fair; 15% light pod set, 80% average pod set and 5% heavy pod set; 1% green harvested. Onions 90% harvested. Apple conditions were mostly fair to good. Pecan conditions were mostly good. Cattle conditions were fair. Sheep conditions were mostly fair. Range and pasture conditions were mostly poor. Days suitable for field-work were 6.7. Topsoil moisture was 52% very short, 41% short and 7% adequate. Wind damage was 15% light, 3% moderate and 2% severe; with cotton 70% damaged and sorghum 45% damaged. No hail damage reported this week.

Seven Day Observed Precipitation July 30, 2012



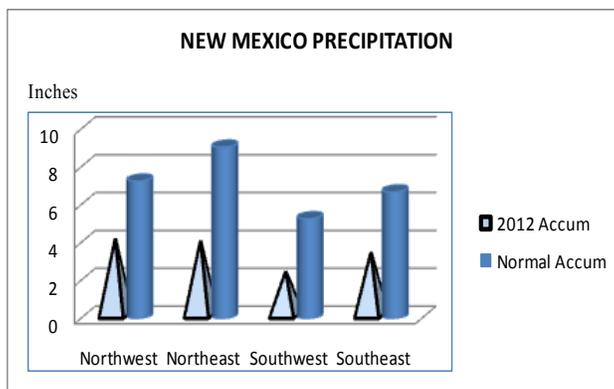
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS					
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	3rd Cut	96	90	96	83
Alfalfa	4th Cut	45	34	28	25
Chile	Hvst Green	1	-	1	4
Corn	Silked	50	40	69	69
Corn	Dough	8	4	4	13
Corn	Dent	4	3	2	2
Cotton	Squaring	88	82	89	86
Cotton	Setting Boll	38	35	39	50
Onion	Harvested	90	89	81	92
Peanut	Pegging	65	60	49	59
Sorghum	Headed	7	5	5	10

**Additional Comments:** **Taos:** This week the county has received rain, which has improved crop and pasture lands slightly. **De Baca/ Guadalupe:** Spotty showers received this week - county needs a good general rain to improve rangeland pastures. **San Miguel/Mora:** Getting some rain in certain areas. **Grant:** rains have begun, pretty general slow soaking moisture **Luna/Grant:** There have been some scattered showers, however, to say the pastures have improved is an exaggeration. A few pastures are showing some greening up, but the majority of the rangeland is in dire need of moisture. Ranchers are reporting of the necessary depletion of their livestock due to a lack of feed. The drought has been devastating. **Eddy:** Some scattered showers, most range grass have some green. East side of Pecos not responding to rain grass looks dead. Lots of annual plants for feed but short lived.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	4	4	30	60	2
Chile	3	9	46	42	-
Corn	1	8	59	7	25
Cotton	4	17	37	28	14
Peanut	8	25	67	-	-
Sorghum	31	31	37	1	-
Cattle	24	16	43	12	5
Sheep	38	22	32	8	-

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	59	38	3	-
Northeast	67	33	-	-
Southwest	41	39	20	-
Southeast	27	63	10	-
State Current	52	41	7	-
State-Last Week	48	42	10	-
State-Last Year	64	28	9	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	20	31	45	4

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	51	33	16	-	-
Northeast	51	42	7	-	-
Southwest	13	24	44	19	-
Southeast	37	41	21	1	-
State Current	42	37	18	3	-
State-Last Week	38	44	15	3	-
State-Last Year	53	35	11	1	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	16	21	32	26	4



### Weather Summary

The temperatures during the past week were 3 to 7 degrees above normal in the eastern plains and near normal to 2 degrees below normal in western New Mexico. Hot and dry with 100 degree plus temperature in Tucumcari. Some rainfall amounts recorded in Capulin with 0.65 inches, Las Vegas with 0.47 inches, Red River with 1.40 inches, Carrizozo with 0.40 inches, Animas with 0.30 inches and Truth or Consequences with 0.73 inches.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – July 23 – July 29, 2012									
Station	Temperature			Precipitation					
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 23 July – 29 July	Month 01 July-29 July	Accum. 01 Jan-29 July	Normal July	Normal Jan-July	
<b>Northwest</b>									
Albuquerque	79.9	95	63	0.40	1.37	3.66	1.37	4.42	
Chama	64.1	85	42	1.60	3.92	8.87	2.24	11.08	
Farmington	75.5	94	58	0.05	0.56	1.41	0.94	4.31	
Gallup	70.3	93	52	0.63	0.85	2.83	1.91	6.10	
Grants	69.3	89	48	0.26	3.21	4.47	1.76	4.79	
Johnson Ranch	71.8	94	53	0.00	0.51	0.98	1.66	5.43	
Los Alamos	71.8	94	55	0.28	1.43	3.71	3.25	9.66	
Red River	59.0	78	40	1.71	3.14	8.10	3.01	11.93	
Santa Fe	74.1	92	52	0.21	0.98	2.49	2.38	7.64	
<b>Northeast</b>									
Capulin	73.8	94	54	0.65	2.12	7.55	3.25	10.52	
Clayton	80.7	98	62	0.17	0.42	3.48	2.70	9.00	
Clovis	80.1	97	62	0.10	0.33	1.71	2.56	9.57	
Las Vegas	71.5	89	55	0.47	1.57	4.36	3.20	9.60	
Moriarty	71.7	90	52	0.22	2.27	4.87	2.38	6.37	
Raton	76.4	98	52	0.43	0.97	4.97	2.66	9.82	
Roy	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.21	1.91	2.97	9.03	
Tucumcari	85.1	102	66	0.00	0.21	2.69	3.30	8.57	
<b>Southwest</b>									
Animas	78.4	94	60	0.30	1.65	3.42	2.26	4.74	
Deming	80.1	98	65	0.19	0.59	1.47	2.15	4.43	
Gran Quivira	73.0	90	55	0.00	1.25	2.77	2.81	7.52	
Quemado	67.4	87	49	0.65	2.24	3.58	2.37	6.56	
Socorro	79.9	97	63	0.01	0.13	0.89	1.44	3.94	
T or C	80.9	95	65	0.73	1.00	1.76	1.86	4.44	
<b>Southeast</b>									
Alamogordo	80.9	96	65	0.06	0.08	0.28	2.23	5.51	
Carlsbad	83.4	100	68	0.19	2.25	5.64	1.79	5.74	
Carrizozo	75.0	92	56	0.40	1.38	2.26	2.05	5.55	
Las Cruces	81.4	97	62	0.32	1.11	1.93	1.36	3.63	
Roswell	80.2	97	65	0.07	1.09	3.44	1.99	6.74	
Ruidoso	66.7	83	49	0.48	2.10	5.17	4.02	10.99	
Tatum	80.6	98	65	0.00	2.26	4.58	2.52	8.69	

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