



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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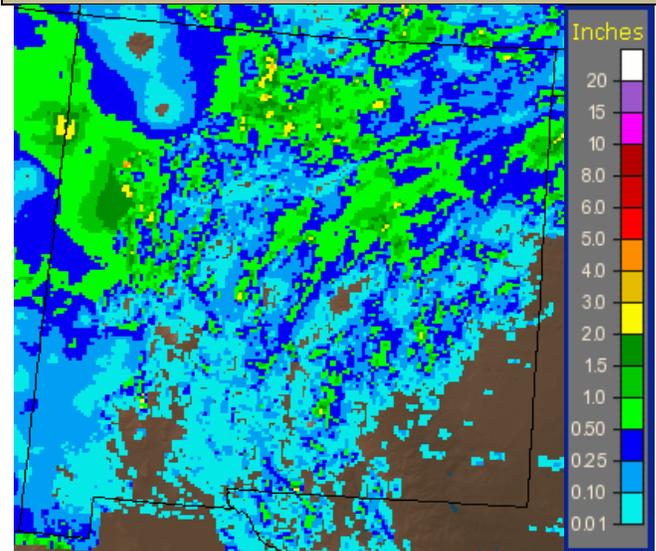
Crop Weather

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING August 5, 2012

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good; third cutting 98% complete; fourth cutting 47% complete; fifth cutting 6% complete. Cotton conditions were mostly fair; 89% squared; 50% setting bolls. Corn conditions were mostly fair; 75% silked; 15% dough; 6% dent. Sorghum conditions were mostly fair; 16% headed; 2% turning color. Peanut conditions were mostly fair; 67% pegging. Chile conditions were mostly good; 11% green harvested. Onions 92% 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 very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.9. Topsoil moisture was 56% very short, 33% short and 11% adequate. Wind damage was 10% light, 4% moderate and 2% severe; with cotton 73% damaged and sorghum 47% damaged. No hail damage reported this week.

Seven Day Observed Precipitation August 6, 2012



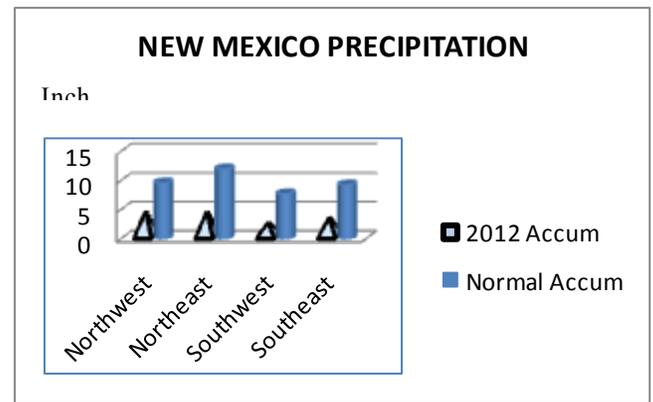
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS					
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	3rd Cut	98	96	98	88
Alfalfa	4th Cut	47	45	49	45
Alfalfa	5th Cut	6	-	-	6
Chile	Hvst Green	11	1	7	12
Corn	Silked	75	50	74	81
Corn	Dough	15	8	11	23
Corn	Dent	6	4	4	5
Cotton	Squaring	89	88	94	92
Cotton	Setting Boll	50	38	44	58
Onion	Harvested	92	90	87	94
Peanut	Pegging	67	65	57	65
Sorghum	Headed	16	7	14	22

Additional Comments: **Santa Fe:** Isolated rain showers continue to be received throughout the count. Moderate grasshopper population in existence in the northern areas of the county. **Taos:** This week we have received rain showers in the southern part of Taos County that has improved crop and pasture lands. The central and northern part of the county received scattered showers to make a slight improvement to crop land; pasture remain to be very dry conditions. **De Baca:** No substantial rains received in July - it will be critical to receive rains in August to help out the dry rangeland pastures. **Guadalupe:** Some scattered showers received throughout the county over the weekend - up to 1/2 inch in some places. **Eddy:** Some alfalfa growers are out of irrigation water.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	6	6	24	58	6
Chile	6	17	27	40	10
Corn	2	3	49	17	29
Cotton	5	19	40	16	20
Peanut	5	20	72	3	-
Sorghum	30	28	40	2	-
Cattle	28	26	29	10	7
Sheep	22	37	30	11	-

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	39	34	26	1
Northeast	70	30	-	-
Southwest	80	20	-	-
Southeast	52	37	11	-
State Current	56	33	11	-
State-Last Week	52	41	7	-
State-Last Year	61	28	11	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	18	31	48	2

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	33	42	21	4	-
Northeast	62	34	4	-	-
Southwest	-	40	45	15	-
Southeast	61	28	11	-	-
State Current	51	34	13	2	-
State-Last Week	42	37	18	3	-
State-Last Year	53	34	12	1	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	15	19	34	28	5



Weather Summary

High pressure centered over the Texas panhandle kept the main monsoonal moisture plume over the western high terrain and northern mountains. A weekend cold front brought additional cooling and precipitation to the northeastern part of the state. The highest precipitation amounts for the week included Chama at 1.07 inches, Grants at 0.90 inches, and Las Vegas at 0.87 inches. The high brought above normal temperatures across the state with the main impact over the eastern plains. The highest temperature departures about normal included Raton at 12 degrees, Tucumcari at 9 degrees and Roswell at 9 degrees.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – July 30 – August 5, 2012									
Station	Temperature			Precipitation					
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 30 July – 05 Aug	Month 01 Aug-05 Aug	Accum. 01 Jan-05 Aug	Normal Aug	Normal Jan-Aug	
Northwest									
Albuquerque	81.0	97	65	0.03	0.02	3.69	1.64	6.06	
Chama	63.9	87	40	1.07	0.80	9.94	2.82	13.90	
Farmington	74.4	93	57	0.02	0.00	1.43	1.05	5.36	
Gallup	70.9	90	50	0.50	0.26	3.33	2.26	8.36	
Grants	70.0	90	50	0.90	0.90	5.37	2.16	6.95	
Johnson Ranch	72.3	93	53	0.00	0.00	0.98	2.29	7.72	
Los Alamos	71.1	90	51	0.26	0.26	3.97	3.52	13.18	
Red River	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	8.10	3.10	15.03	
Santa Fe	73.4	92	52	0.19	0.19	2.68	2.39	10.03	
Northeast									
Capulin	73.9	95	52	0.22	0.20	7.77	2.56	13.08	
Clayton	80.0	100	59	0.44	0.44	3.92	2.61	11.61	
Clovis	83.2	102	63	0.00	0.00	1.71	3.17	12.74	
Las Vegas	73.1	94	56	0.87	0.87	5.23	4.27	13.87	
Moriarty	73.2	93	53	0.79	0.79	5.66	2.69	9.06	
Raton	78.5	100	57	0.07	0.07	5.04	3.21	13.03	
Roy	77.3	97	59	0.57	0.57	2.48	2.81	11.84	
Tucumcari	86.5	107	67	0.06	0.06	2.75	2.41	10.98	
Southwest									
Animas	78.9	97	58	0.00	-	3.42	2.34	7.08	
Deming	82.7	100	65	-	-	1.47	2.05	6.48	
Gran Quivira	76.1	94	56	0.16	0.16	2.93	3.27	10.79	
Quemado	67.3	90	49	0.59	0.47	4.17	3.12	9.68	
Socorro	82.1	99	64	0.00	0.00	0.89	1.90	5.84	
T or C	83.3	98	68	-	-	1.76	2.15	6.59	
Southeast									
Alamogordo	84.6	102	67	0.03	0.02	0.31	2.41	7.92	
Carlsbad	86.9	108	65	0.00	0.00	5.64	2.25	7.99	
Carrizozo	78.4	97	59	0.00	0.00	2.26	2.69	8.24	
Las Cruces	83.9	102	67	0.05	0.05	1.98	2.29	5.92	
Roswell	87.2	106	68	0.04	0.04	3.48	2.03	8.77	
Ruidoso	69.8	88	50	0.05	0.05	5.22	4.04	15.03	
Tatum	84.1	105	65	0.00	0.00	4.58	2.48	11.17	

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