



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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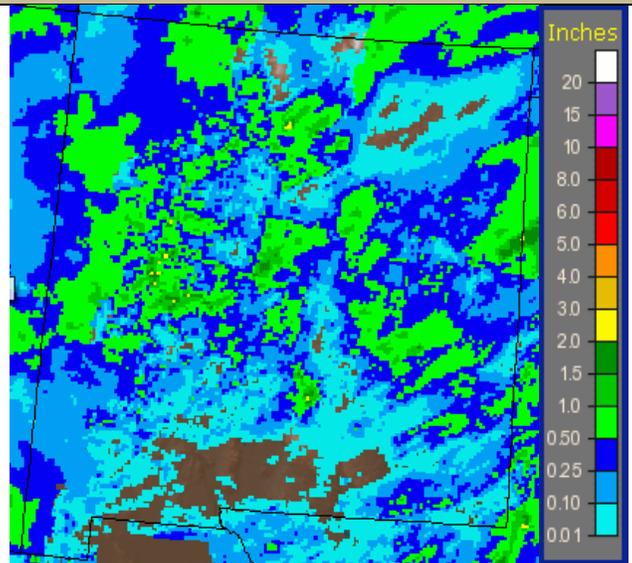
Crop Weather

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING September 16, 2012

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good; fifth cutting 81% complete; sixth cutting 7% complete. Cotton conditions were mostly good to excellent; 90% setting bolls; 45% bolls opening. Corn conditions were mostly good to excellent; 97% dough; 70% dent; 45% mature; 57% silage harvested. Sorghum conditions were mostly very poor; 83% headed; 12% turning color. Winter wheat 34% planted. Peanut conditions were mostly poor; 92% pegging. Lettuce 90% planted. Chile conditions were mostly fair to good; 85% green harvested. Apple conditions were mostly fair to good; 45% harvested. Pecan conditions were mostly good. Cattle conditions were mostly fair. Sheep conditions were mostly fair to good. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor to good. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.2. Topsoil moisture was 48% very short, 32% short and 20% adequate. Wind damage was 5% light; with cotton 80% damaged and sorghum 55% damaged. No hail damage was reported this week.

Seven Day Observed Precipitation September 17, 2012



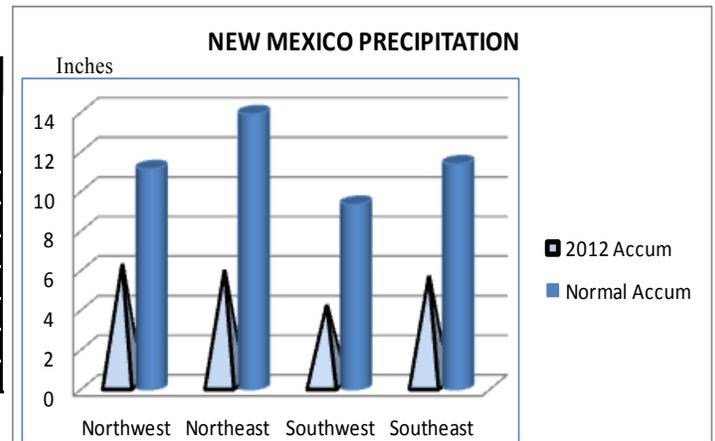
Additional Comments: **Colfax:** Very dry, windy, and cold. **Curry:** Corn silage harvest beginning but slowly. Wheat planting very light but some producers will plant in the next few days following light to good rainfall in the area. Rain likely too late to make significant changes in range conditions or change plans for herd reductions or dispersals. Alfalfa baling slowed by rain showers but very limited damage, since few fields were cut. **Guadalupe:** About 1/2 Inch scattered rain received on September 12th. Rangeland grass is not responding that well with recent rains due to cooling temperatures and not enough moisture.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS					
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	5th Cut	81	70	77	68
Alfalfa	6th Cut	7	-	27	16
Chile	Hvst Green	85	68	84	82
Corn	Mature	45	19	18	36
Corn	Dough	97	94	97	97
Corn	Dent	70	50	75	76
Corn	Silage Hvst	57	55	70	41
Cotton	Bolls Opn	45	24	60	44
Cotton	Setting Boll	90	88	96	95
Lettuce	Planted	90	75	100	91
Peanut	Pegging	92	90	99	98
Sorghum	Headed	83	83	85	94
Sorghum	Trn Color	12	11	39	51
W Wheat	Planted	34	30	36	59

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	4	10	16	70	-
Chile	2	15	30	35	18
Corn	4	13	25	32	26
Cotton	4	17	27	17	35
Peanut	20	45	35	-	-
Sorghum	46	20	20	14	-
Cattle	18	21	35	22	4
Sheep	22	23	30	25	-

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	-	-	-	-
Northeast	80	20	-	-
Southwest	50	50	-	-
Southeast	15	35	50	-
State Current	48	32	20	-
State-Last Week	53	36	10	1
State-Last Year	44	43	13	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	21	35	42	2

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	-	-	-	-	-
Northeast	76	21	3	-	-
Southwest	-	-	80	20	-
Southeast	17	50	33	-	-
State Current	41	30	25	4	-
State-Last Week	57	29	13	1	-
State-Last Year	59	29	10	1	1
State-5-Yr Avg.	17	20	28	29	6



Weather Summary

Week started off with normal to little above average temps in some places. By midweek a cold front from the NE increased winds and lowered temps, following monsoonal moisture from the SW that created continuous rain showers across the state. Areas that collected high amounts of rain were Los Alamos 1.36in., Red River 1.35in. and Moriarty 1.3in.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – September 10– September 16, 2012

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 10 Sep –16 Sep	Month 01 Sep-16 Sep	Accum. 01 Jan-16 Sep	Normal Sep	Normal Jan-Sep
Northwest								
Albuquerque	66.6	88	49	0.35	0.44	5.73	1.00	7.06
Chama	54.5	78	27	1.20	1.26	11.61	2.23	16.13
Farmington	66.0	87	48	0.27	0.29	1.98	0.97	6.33
Gallup	59.9	83	36	0.95	0.95	5.19	1.31	9.67
Grants	59.9	82	37	0.65	0.69	6.42	1.56	8.51
Johnson Ranch	58.6	80	35	0.33	0.33	1.31	1.33	9.05
Los Alamos	58.4	77	40	1.36	1.39	6.38	2.12	15.30
Red River	50.0	70	27	1.35	1.78	11.81	1.66	16.69
Santa Fe	58.6	83	36	0.95	1.03	5.03	1.51	11.54
Northeast								
Capulin	58.9	89	33	0.47	0.57	9.37	2.22	15.30
Clayton	63.6	95	42	0.28	0.28	4.73	1.77	13.38
Clovis	66.1	93	46	0.34	0.35	2.62	2.16	14.90
Las Vegas	59.7	85	33	0.06	0.07	6.11	2.40	16.27
Moriarty	58.1	85	36	1.30	1.36	8.77	1.61	10.67
Raton	60.4	90	33	0.38	0.40	7.09	1.61	14.64
Roy	69.0	92	46	0.00	0.00	4.39	1.90	13.74
Tucumcari	68.5	97	43	0.25	0.24	3.80	1.47	12.45
Southwest								
Animas	68.9	88	48	0.20	0.87	5.50	1.68	8.76
Deming	68.9	91	43	0.09	0.38	2.91	1.63	8.11
Gran Quivira	62.6	82	37	0.43	0.60	4.34	1.95	12.74
Quemado	59.4	75	36	0.90	1.25	7.61	1.73	11.41
Socorro	66.9	88	47	0.12	0.23	1.70	1.53	7.37
T or C	67.2	88	48	0.18	0.35	2.42	1.08	7.67
Southeast								
Alamogordo	68.9	88	47	0.32	0.56	1.16	1.99	9.91
Carlsbad	69.9	94	49	0.27	0.34	7.65	2.75	10.74
Carrizozo	62.1	83	39	0.20	0.24	3.79	1.88	10.12
Las Cruces	70.3	89	49	0.00	1.47	4.53	1.36	7.28
Roswell	68.1	93	48	0.39	0.67	5.19	1.87	10.64
Ruidoso	53.9	76	31	1.00	2.16	9.73	2.50	17.53
Tatum	66.7	95	47	0.59	0.73	6.87	2.36	13.53

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