



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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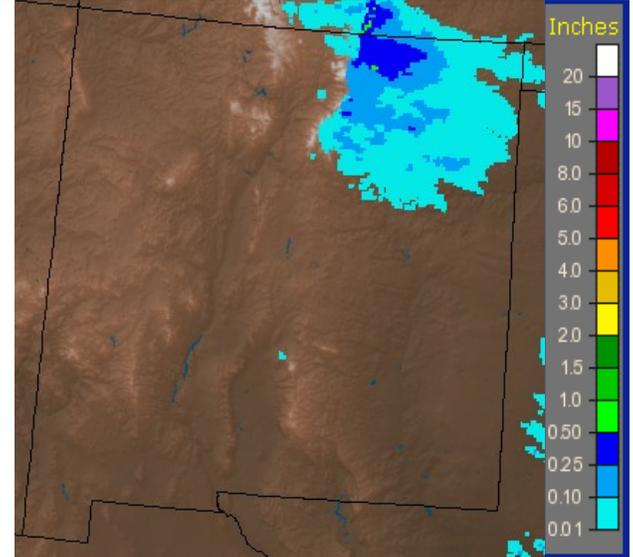
Crop Weather

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING September 23, 2012

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good; fifth cutting 91% complete; sixth cutting 28% complete. Cotton conditions were mostly poor to fair; 95% setting bolls; 50% bolls opening. Corn conditions were mostly good; 100% dough; 80% dent; 55% mature; 80% silage harvested. Sorghum conditions were mostly very poor to poor; 94% headed; 24% turning color. Winter wheat 44% planted. Peanut conditions were poor; 97% pegging. Lettuce conditions were mostly good; 97% planted. Chile conditions were mostly good to excellent; 87% green harvested. Apple conditions were mostly fair to good; 75% harvested. Pecan conditions were mostly good to excellent. Cattle conditions were mostly poor to fair. Sheep conditions were mostly poor to very poor. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.9. Topsoil moisture was 56% very short, 38% short and 6% adequate. Wind damage was 21% light, 2% moderate and 2% severe; with cotton 80% damaged and sorghum 55% damaged. No hail damage was reported this week.

Seven Day Observed Precipitation September 24, 2012



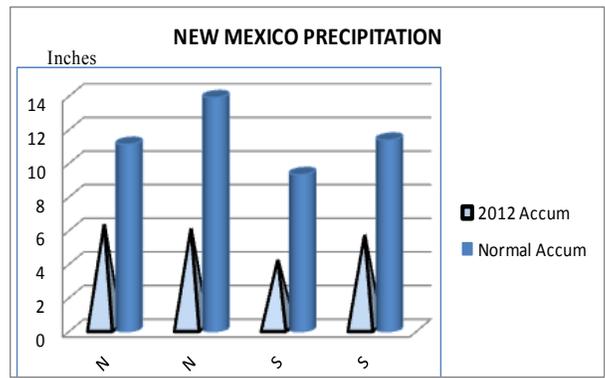
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS					
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	5th Cut	91	81	88	77
Alfalfa	6th Cut	28	7	34	28
Chile	Hvst Green	87	85	92	87
Corn	Mature	55	45	36	47
Corn	Dough	100	97	99	99
Corn	Dent	80	70	82	84
Corn	Silage Hvst	80	57	76	46
Cotton	Bolls Opn	50	45	82	61
Cotton	Setting Boll	95	90	100	98
Lettuce	Planted	97	90	100	97
Peanut	Pegging	97	92	100	99
Sorghum	Headed	94	83	93	96
Sorghum	Trn Color	24	12	44	64
W Wheat	Planted	44	34	54	75

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	6	7	27	55	5
Chile	6	18	19	31	26
Corn	5	11	15	49	20
Cotton	5	27	26	22	20
Peanut	20	60	20	-	-
Sorghum	36	25	27	12	-
Cattle	10	38	38	14	-
Sheep	29	37	25	9	-

Additional Comments: Taos: The Second cut on hay crops is 80% complete. Producers' report having low production about 30% to 50% below normal in comparison to the last 10 years. **De Baca:** Ranchers continue to feed and cull herds due to lack of forage. Ranchers are concerned that any rain received now may be too late to help out the dry rangeland pastures adversely affected by this year's drought. **Guadalupe:** Ranchers are culling herds due to lack of forage. Ranchers are concerned that it may be too late for dry rangeland pastures to improve, even with rain; even though a good rain would help fill up empty dirt stock tanks.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	51	41	6	2
Northeast	72	28	-	-
Southwest	50	50	-	-
Southeast	47	42	11	-
State Current	56	38	6	-
State-Last Week	48	32	20	-
State-Last Year	46	42	12	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	20	34	44	2

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	40	37	20	3	-
Northeast	71	26	3	-	-
Southwest	31	11	46	12	-
Southeast	51	29	20	-	-
State Current	52	27	18	3	-
State-Last Week	41	30	25	4	-
State-Last Year	56	29	11	2	2
State-5-Yr Avg.	17	20	30	27	6



Weather Summary

A weak cold front brought isolated showers over the northern mountains early in the week. A ridge of high pressure then moved back over the area with temperatures warming up generally two to five degrees above normal.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – September 17– September 23, 2012								
Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 17 Sep–23 Sep	Month 01 Sep–23 Sep	Accum. 01 Jan–23 Sep	Normal Sep	Normal Jan–Sep
Northwest								
Albuquerque	70.4	88	53	-	0.44	5.73	1.00	7.06
Chama	54.5	79	31	0.00	1.26	11.61	2.23	16.13
Farmington	65.2	87	42	0.00	0.29	1.98	0.97	6.33
Gallup	60.3	84	34	0.00	0.95	5.19	1.31	9.67
Grants	60.4	86	36	0.00	0.69	6.42	1.56	8.51
Johnson Ranch	58.9	86	34	0.00	0.33	1.31	1.33	9.05
Los Alamos	66.9	82	48	0.00	1.39	6.38	2.12	15.30
Red River	49.7	71	29	0.26	2.04	12.07	1.66	16.69
Santa Fe	64.0	85	41	0.00	1.03	5.03	1.51	11.54
Northeast								
Capulin	60.4	86	35	0.10	0.67	9.47	2.22	15.30
Clayton	66.4	92	41	-	0.28	4.73	1.77	13.38
Clovis	72.0	92	46	0.00	0.35	2.62	2.16	14.90
Las Vegas	62.6	84	35	0.12	0.19	6.23	2.40	16.27
Moriarty	60.9	85	38	0.00	1.36	8.77	1.61	10.67
Raton	61.4	86	36	0.27	0.67	7.36	1.61	14.64
Roy	61.2	88	36	0.19	0.19	4.58	1.90	13.74
Tucumcari	72.2	96	48	0.00	0.24	3.80	1.47	12.45
Southwest								
Animas	73.4	92	54	0.00	0.87	5.50	1.68	8.76
Deming	72.5	94	50	-	0.38	2.91	1.63	8.11
Gran Quivira	65.4	87	43	0.00	0.60	4.34	1.95	12.74
Quemado	59.4	79	35	0.00	1.25	7.61	1.73	11.41
Socorro	71.9	91	52	0.00	0.23	1.70	1.53	7.37
T or C	73.7	91	56	0.00	0.35	2.42	1.08	7.67
Southeast								
Alamogordo	71.8	93	52	0.00	0.56	1.16	1.99	9.91
Carlsbad	74.5	98	51	0.00	0.34	7.65	2.75	10.74
Carrizozo	66.1	88	43	0.00	0.24	3.79	1.88	10.12
Las Cruces	72.2	93	50	0.00	1.47	4.53	1.36	7.28
Roswell	68.8	94	47	0.00	0.67	5.19	1.87	10.64
Ruidoso	59.4	80	35	0.00	2.16	9.73	2.50	17.53
Tatum	71.4	93	46	0.00	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.