



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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Crop Weather

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING May 19, 2013

There are only a few weeks left to complete and return the 2012 Census of Agriculture. Because time is running out, NASS may contact you or farmers in your area by phone or in person to collect information for the Census. *Help ensure you and your industry have the most complete set of agricultural statistics available for your country and county.* For more information or for help filling out your Census form, visit www.agcensus.usda.gov or call (888) 424-7828.

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good; first cutting 50% complete. Cotton 60% planted. Corn 50% planted; 18% emerged. Sorghum was 3% planted. Winter wheat was mostly very poor; with 44% headed; 46% grazed. Peanuts 24% planted. Lettuce conditions were mostly good; 57% harvested. Chile condition was mostly fair; 93% planted. Onion conditions ranged from fair to excellent. Pecan conditions were mostly good; Nut set 29% light and 71% average. Cattle conditions ranged from very poor to fair. Sheep conditions were mostly very poor. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 7. Topsoil moisture was 83% very short, 16% short and 1% adequate. Wind damage was 12% light and 7% moderate; with cotton 3% damaged, winter wheat 64% damaged and onions 11% damaged. Freeze damage was 1% light; with winter wheat 54% damaged and onions 9% damaged.

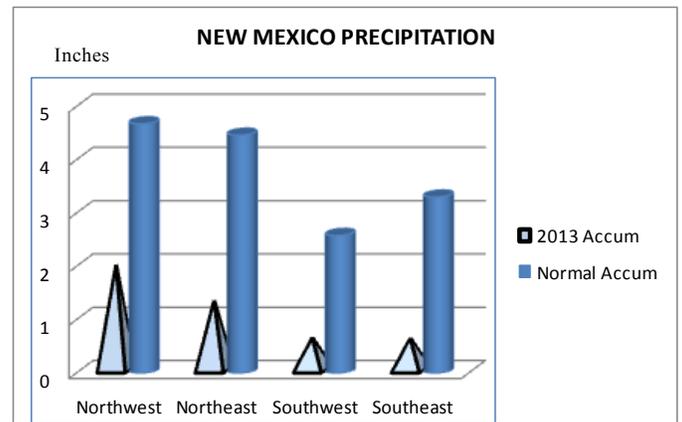
Additional Comments: **Curry:** Some green showing in the limited areas where rainfall fell last week, but even those areas will need moisture soon before pasture conditions show much growth. Hot weather is drying soil quickly. Crop conditions remain stressed. Very limited field work for planting is occurring. No change in livestock situations. Alfalfa producers have not started first cutting in this area. **De Baca/Guadalupe:** Some very light scattered showers received this week. **Lea:** Extremely dry, difficult to germinate crop seed. Cattle and Sheep are below average on body condition scores. **Luna:** Windy, hot and dry. Livestock herds are being brought to local feedlots to maintain seed stock numbers. **Quay/Harding:** Cattle: condition deteriorating rapidly. Calving season is drawing cow condition down. No irrigation through the Arch Hurley Conservancy District due to no change in Conchas Lake level. **Taos:** No freezes this week. Dry conditions continue to increase with very little rainfall and strong winds affect farmers/ranchers to reduce their herds.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS					
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	1st cut	50	45	92	82
Chile	Planted	93	88	99	97
Corn	Emerged	18	14	27	35
Corn	Planted	50	40	83	75
Cotton	Planted	60	40	81	82
Lettuce	Hvstd	57	24	64	85
Peanuts	Planted	24	8	31	33
Sorghum	Planted	3	2	22	18
W Wheat	Grazed	46	45	77	-
W Wheat	Headed	44	35	94	89

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	68	31	1	-
Northeast	99	1	-	-
Southwest	97	3	-	-
Southeast	70	30	-	-
State Current	83	16	1	-
State-Last Week	71	22	7	-
State-Last Year	49	35	16	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	42	36	22	-

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	4	5	21	55	15
Chile	-	2	59	24	15
Lettuce	11	-	-	56	33
Onion	-	-	31	46	23
Pecan	1	1	37	61	-
Winter Wheat	75	7	10	8	-
Cattle	33	29	35	2	1
Sheep	53	6	34	7	-

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	69	26	5	-	-
Northeast	89	10	1	-	-
Southwest	69	29	2	-	-
Southeast	81	16	3	-	-
State Current	81	17	2	-	-
State-Last Week	69	24	6	1	-
State-Last Year	53	29	13	5	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	30	37	23	10	-



Weather Summary

Average temperatures were in the sixties to upper seventies the farther south you go. Average temperatures were above normal area wide. Sporadic amounts of precipitation were recorded across the area.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - May 13 - May 19, 2013								
Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 06 May - 19 May	Month 01 May-19 May	Accum. 01 Jan-19 May	Normal May	Normal Jan-May
Northwest								
Albuquerque	69.5	88	54	0.08	0.08	0.68	0.50	2.54
Chama	52.7	76	28	0.30	0.42	4.53	1.44	8.90
Farmington	64.9	87	43	0.00	0.16	1.83	0.54	3.09
Gallup	60.2	84	34	-	0.02	1.76	0.56	3.46
Grants	63.2	85	39	0.00	0.09	0.23	0.58	2.86
Johnson Ranch	58.5	84	25	0.00	0.45	1.24	0.65	3.64
Los Alamos	60.6	78	41	0.05	0.08	1.90	1.42	5.47
Red River	48.0	69	26	0.12	0.41	4.74	1.80	8.34
Santa Fe	63.0	84	39	-	0.23	0.82	0.94	3.78
Northeast								
Capulin	61.6	85	35	0.00	0.63	2.56	1.59	4.73
Clayton	71.4	93	50	0.01	0.02	0.79	1.99	4.03
Clovis	71.6	95	51	0.00	0.00	1.35	1.84	4.69
Las Vegas	61.2	82	39	-	0.13	0.57	1.51	4.15
Moriarty	61.6	84	34	0.00	0.04	0.83	1.25	4.09
Raton	62.4	87	39	-	0.08	1.69	1.94	5.09
Roy	66.2	87	42	0.00	0.35	0.88	1.84	3.98
Tucumcari	75.1	99	53	0.00	0.65	1.71	1.84	4.93
Southwest								
Animas	71.9	92	42	0.00	0.00	0.63	0.24	2.25
Deming	70.6	92	47	-	0.03	0.51	0.43	2.41
Gran Quivira	66.2	85	42	0.00	0.02	0.79	0.91	3.76
Quemado	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.14	0.75	0.53	2.70
Socorro	74.1	94	51	0.00	0.34	0.64	0.58	2.28
T or C	73.9	92	52	-	0.14	0.28	0.57	2.08
Southeast								
Alamogordo	70.4	94	47	-	-	0.04	0.49	2.64
Carlsbad	76.6	100	50	-	-	0.90	1.17	3.33
Carrizozo	65.6	89	41	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.62	2.72
Las Cruces	71.8	92	53	0.00	0.09	0.30	0.40	1.83
Roswell	72.9	98	44	0.00	0.01	0.51	1.25	3.52
Ruidoso	61.6	83	32	0.00	0.07	0.69	1.19	4.93
Tatum	72.0	99	44	0.00	0.03	1.17	2.09	4.14

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