



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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Crop Weather

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING August 25, 2013

**NEW MEXICO:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.7. Topsoil moisture was 26% very short, 32% short and 42% adequate. Wind damage was 9% light and 7% moderate; with cotton 46% damaged and sorghum 42% damaged. No hail damage reported this week.

**Counties:** **Colfax:** Very hot and dry. The mornings and nights have been getting cool. Livestock are looking good. **De Baca:** Scattered showers received this week in the northern portion of the county. County needs more rains in order to improve native grass pastures during the growing season. There is plenty of irrigation water available in the Fort Sumner Irrigation District to date. **Luna/Grant:** Although there have been recent scattered showers, the severe drought the area has been in has not allowed adequate growth to provide sufficient feed for the livestock through the next few months at this time. We are still in a drought situation, but it is looking better. **Santa Fe:** Isolated rain showers continue to be received in various areas of county, some being flashfloods. Insect activity is on the rise, especially grasshopper activity.

CROP PROGRESS  
PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	3rd cut	88	86	100	98
Alfalfa	4th cut	70	65	95	83
Alfalfa	5th cut	21	11	36	30
Chile	Hvst Grn	26	19	25	47
Corn	Silking	94	83	97	98
Corn	Dough	55	23	36	56
Corn	Dent	16	14	12	26
Corn	Silage	11	7	32	10
Cotton	Squaring	92	90	99	100
Cotton	Set Bolls	84	82	83	76
Cotton	Bolls Opn	12	11	5	10
Onions	Hvstd	99	97	100	99
Lettuce	Planted	44	-	30	49
Peanuts	Pegging	84	54	87	84
Sorghum	Headed	30	25	42	62
Sorghum	Trn Color	5	3	4	14

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	2	14	28	49	7
Chile	-	2	42	36	20
Corn	1	4	32	31	32
Cotton	3	23	35	24	15
Peanut	2	17	79	2	-
Pecan	-	1	53	25	21
Sorghum	-	10	71	18	1
Cattle	14	16	44	21	5
Sheep	20	5	53	22	-

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION

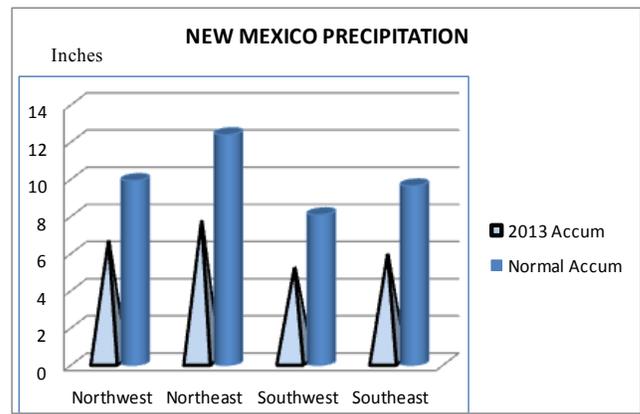
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	55	22	14	9	-
Northeast	11	21	33	22	13
Southwest	34	31	35	-	-
Southeast	34	47	14	5	-
State Current	30	33	22	11	4
State-Last Week	29	35	28	8	-
State-Last Year	47	32	17	4	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	24	23	27	21	5

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	29	31	39	1
Northeast	21	50	29	-
Southwest	20	21	59	-
Southeast	31	22	47	-
State Current	26	32	42	-
State-Last Week	25	43	32	-
State-Last Year	50	42	8	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	29	35	35	1

## Weather Summary

Showers and thunderstorms brought rainfall primarily to locations along and west of the central mountain chain of New Mexico. The highest rainfall amounts seen were in Ruidoso with 1.41 inches, Chama with 1.24 inches and Gallup with 0.99 inches. Temperatures remained relatively unchanged across the state and ranged from 5 degrees below normal in Carrizozo to 6 degrees above normal in Cuba.



### NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - Aug 19- Aug 25, 2013

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 19 Aug - 25 Aug	Month 01 Aug - 25 Aug	Accum. 01 Jan - 25 Aug	Normal Aug	Normal Jan-Aug
<b>Northwest</b>								
Albuquerque	78.0	94	65	0.16	0.42	3.89	1.58	6.28
Chama	63.8	85	43	1.24	4.05	12.68	3.16	15.45
Farmington	74.1	92	58	0.86	1.34	3.61	1.26	5.46
Gallup	69.4	88	51	0.99	3.07	6.68	2.10	7.78
Grants	67.6	87	47	0.46	2.31	4.32	1.81	6.84
Johnson Ranch	70.8	90	50	0.33	2.30	5.36	2.39	8.62
Los Alamos	68.6	85	53	0.10	0.75	6.11	3.60	13.38
Red River	58.5	78	41	0.15	0.65	10.57	3.27	15.89
Santa Fe	69.3	90	52	0.48	1.65	5.73	2.23	9.63
<b>Northeast</b>								
Capulin	69.8	85	51	-	2.77	13.33	2.81	14.05
Clayton	76.9	93	60	0.00	2.70	7.75	2.61	11.61
Clovis	77.1	96	60	0.00	0.32	5.28	3.48	13.42
Las Vegas	68.6	86	49	0.26	1.55	7.87	3.73	13.16
Moriarty	67.9	87	45	0.34	1.08	5.00	2.37	9.29
Raton	70.5	89	51	-	3.93	11.18	3.03	13.24
Roy	73.4	89	55	0.03	0.03	2.08	2.81	11.84
Tucumcari	81.6	101	64	0.12	0.98	8.52	2.88	12.56
<b>Southwest</b>								
Animas	76.4	95	58	0.12	1.50	5.88	2.29	7.46
Deming	78.3	97	61	0.37	1.87	5.64	2.29	7.59
Gran Quivira	70.0	89	52	0.73	4.15	7.63	3.64	11.44
Quemado	66.6	83	48	0.80	0.80	2.72	2.54	8.13
Socorro	78.9	96	64	0.02	1.64	3.85	2.03	6.53
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<b>Southeast</b>								
Alamogordo	81.3	98	65	0.68	0.69	3.98	2.19	7.43
Carlsbad	81.2	101	63	-	-	6.10	1.83	8.70
Carrizozo	70.7	91	54	0.08	3.84	7.95	2.69	8.24
Las Cruces	81.0	99	67	0.23	1.02	2.03	2.22	6.24
Roswell	77.0	97	60	0.03	1.24	5.13	2.91	10.40
Ruidoso	62.4	79	47	1.41	3.00	6.49	4.69	15.33
Tatum	76.6	98	57	0.00	1.53	9.13	2.48	11.17

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