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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 17, 2008

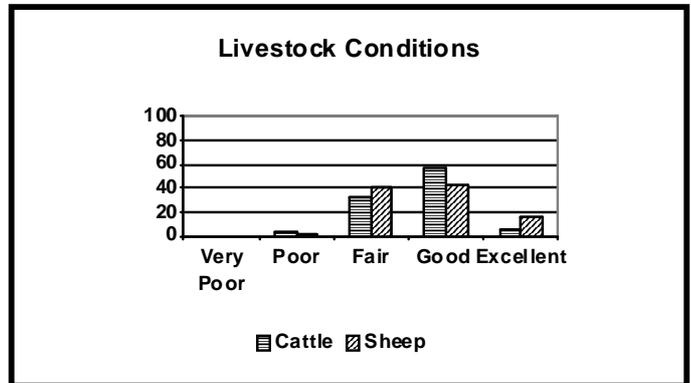
NEW MEXICO: There were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 3% very short, 27% short, 66% adequate, and 4% surplus. Wind damage was 18% light and 7% moderate. Hail damage was 18% light and 7% moderate. Alfalfa was mostly good with the third cutting 96% complete, the fourth cutting 71% complete and the fifth cutting 11% complete. Cotton was mostly good with 80% setting bolls and 1% opening bolls. Corn was mostly good with 95% silked, 27% dough and 15% dent. Irrigated sorghum was mostly good with 97% headed and 9% coloring. Dry sorghum ranged from poor to good with 50% headed and 25% coloring. Peanuts ranged from fair to good with 80% pegging. Lettuce was 80% planted. Chiles were mostly good with 43% green harvested; pod sets generally average. Apples were mostly fair to good. Pecans were mostly good. Cattle were mostly good. Sheep were mostly good to fair. Range and pastures were mostly good.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE (Green)	Harvested	43	18	20	29
CORN	Dough	58	27	67	73
CORN	Dent	15	N/A	34	35
COTTON	Setting Bolls	80	70	97	94
LETTUCE	Planted	80	N/A	68	75
PEANUTS	Pegging	80	75	89	95
SORGHUM (Total)	Coloring	19	12	10	5
SORGHUM (ALL)	Headed	66	60	29	45

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	2	24	59	15
Chile	---	6	25	58	11
Corn	---	---	6	59	35
Cotton	---	---	19	59	22
Peanuts	---	---	50	40	10
Pecan	---	---	2	74	24
Sorghum (All)	3	13	33	48	3
Cattle	---	4	32	58	6
Sheep	---	2	41	42	15
Range/Pasture	1	11	26	52	10

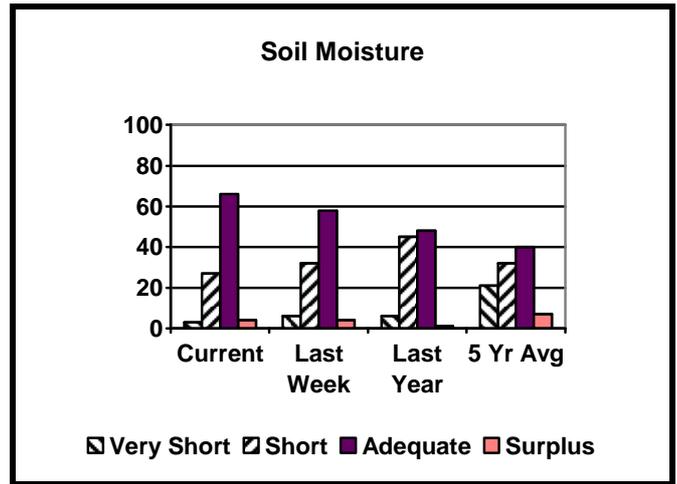


Additional Comments:

Santa Fe: Isolated thunder showers continue to be received in various areas of the county with some occasional hail. Grasshopper populations continue to be high in some areas in the northern half of the county. **Curry:** Good rains this week. Rain this week has improved pasture condition slightly and kept livestock in generally good condition. Hay producers had very little hay cut at the time of the rain, so only slight damage to them. **De Baca:** Received some precipitation this week, about 1/2" to 1-1/2" scattered throughout the county. The rangelands have greened up and the native grasses look good. **Guadalupe:** Another good week for precipitation. About 1/2" to 1-1/2" inches of scattered rain received this week in the county. **Quay:** Range conditions are improving but actual grass growth is significantly behind the average for this time of the year. **Catron/Socorro:** Showers were received in the Socorro Valley causing hay to get rained on. Some parts of both counties have still not received much rain to grow grass. **Chaves:** Rained about 1" to 3" inches over the weekend. **Doña Ana:** Low land chile suffering from excessive moisture due to rains causing chile wilt. **Lea:** Range conditions continue to deteriorate in the southern half of the county as very little rainfall has occurred there year to date. Cotton progress was dramatically behind compared to a "normal" year because of adverse weather conditions early in the growing season.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	7	26	60	7
Northeast	2	20	74	4
Southwest	---	63	37	---
Southeast	1	20	75	4
State Current	3	27	66	4
State-Last Week	6	32	58	4
State-Last Year	6	45	48	1
State-5-Yr Avg.	21	32	40	7



WEATHER SUMMARY

Most areas across the state received precipitation which brought them closer to normal amounts for the month and the year. Temperature-wise most stations were near normal with a few stations below normal.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - AUGUST 11 - 17, 2008

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 11-Aug - 17-Aug	Month 01-Aug - 17-Aug	Accum. 1-Jan - 17-Aug	Normal Aug	Normal Jan-Aug
Northwest								
Albuquerque	76.4	93	58	0.38	0.78	5.75	1.64	6.06
Chama	61.1	83	38	0.27	1.25	13.15	2.82	13.90
Farlington	74.3	95	55	0.00	0.65	4.23	1.05	5.36
Gallup	70.8	91	45	0.10	0.67	8.54	2.26	8.36
Grants	69.8	92	45	0.08	0.12	4.67	2.16	6.95
Johnson Ranch	63.3	92	47	0.00	0.18	4.57	2.29	7.72
Los Alamos	64.4	82	49	0.49	3.66	9.93	3.52	13.18
Red River	58.0	76	40	0.21	0.93	6.72	3.10	15.03
Santa Fe	70.4	91	52	0.17	0.89	6.11	2.39	10.03
Northeast								
Capulin	62.5	81	44	0.66	1.41	11.85	2.56	13.08
Clayton	69.1	92	54	4.32	4.93	10.50	2.61	11.61
Clovis	74.4	93	61	1.13	1.16	7.38	3.17	12.74
Las Vegas	62.6	80	50	2.05	3.90	11.64	4.27	13.87
Moriarty	68.0	88	50	0.10	0.25	6.11	2.69	9.06
Raton	65.1	89	49	1.47	2.94	8.55	3.21	13.03
Roy	66.4	84	49	2.45	4.30	10.80	2.81	11.84
Tucumcari	73.7	94	56	0.78	1.23	14.35	2.41	10.98
Southwest								
Animas	74.1	89	55	0.99	2.65	7.68	2.34	7.08
Deming	78.3	95	62	0.15	0.74	8.53	2.05	6.48
Gran Quivira	68.2	88	52	5.99	6.37	12.50	3.27	10.79
Quemado	69.6	91	44	0.01	0.34	6.34	3.12	9.68
Socorro	74.3	92	58	1.34	2.35	4.89	1.90	5.84
T or C	76.6	94	61	0.09	0.46	6.33	2.15	6.59
Southeast								
Alamogordo	77.1	94	61	1.24	1.71	7.84	2.41	7.92
Carlsbad	78.4	98	63	0.49	0.61	5.91	2.25	7.99
Carrizozo	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.50	5.15	2.69	8.24
Las Cruces	79.6	95	63	0.49	0.59	6.73	2.29	5.92
Roswell	75.6	94	62	1.20	1.32	5.94	2.03	8.77
Ruidoso	64.5	81	49	0.33	2.33	16.27	4.04	15.03
Tatum	74.1	93	60	1.52	1.52	8.97	2.48	11.17

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