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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 5, 2008

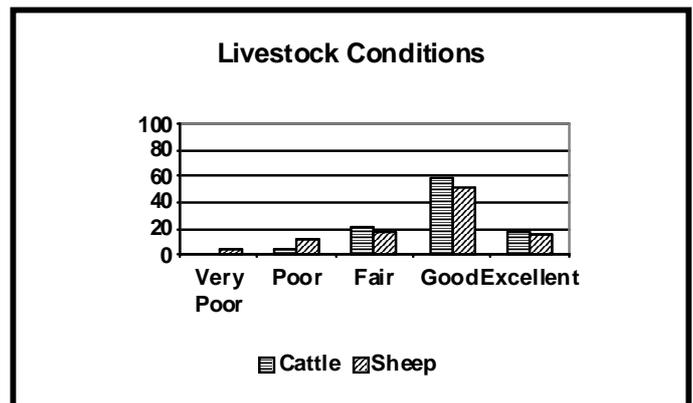
**NEW MEXICO:** Farmers are getting winter crops planted. Alfalfa was mostly good with the fifth cutting 73% complete and sixth cutting 16% complete. Cotton was mostly good with 50% of bolls opening. Corn was mostly good with 97% in the dent stage and 68% mature. Irrigated sorghum was mostly good with 83% coloring and 26% mature. Dry sorghum was mostly fair with 97% headed and 66% coloring and 15% mature. Ranchers are beginning to gather and ship cattle. Chiles were mostly good to fair with 94% of the green harvest and 27% of the red harvest completed. Peanuts were mostly fair with 35% harvested. Pecans were mostly good. Ranchers are beginning to gather and ship cattle. Cattle and sheep were mostly good. Range and pastures were mostly fair to good. There were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 14% very short, 42% short and 44% adequate. Wind damage was 5% light and 1% moderate.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE (Green)	Harvested	94	89	93	93
CHILE (Red)	Harvested	27	24	24	18
CORN	Dent	97	84	100	100
CORN	Mature	68	40	87	92
CORN	Harvest-grain	7	2	22	20
COTTON	Opening Bolls	50	47	84	77
PEANUTS	Harvested	35	32	18	16
SORGHUM (ALL)	Headed	98	92	100	100
SORGHUM (ALL)	Coloring	72	69	100	79
SORGHUM (ALL)	Mature	19	10	36	21
WHEAT	Planted	88	81	95	93
WHEAT	Emerged	80	N/A	59	74

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	4	25	60	11
Chile	---	11	34	40	15
Corn	---	---	8	67	25
Cotton	---	---	11	59	30
Peanuts	---	5	75	20	---
Pecan	---	---	20	53	27
Sorghum (All)	---	3	45	48	4
Cattle	---	4	21	58	17
Sheep	5	11	17	51	16
Range/Pasture	3	12	35	34	16

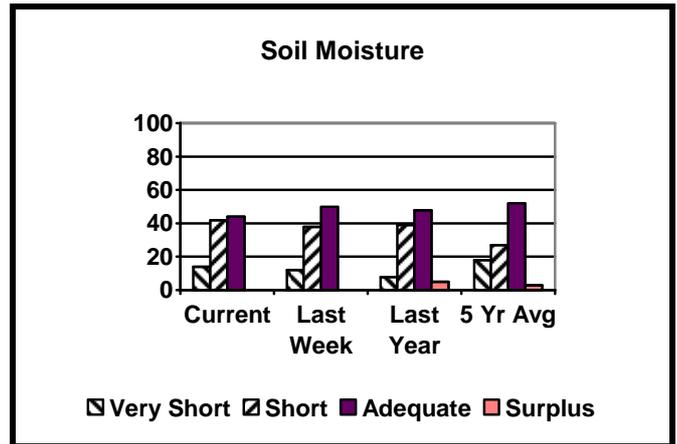


**Additional Comments:**

**Curry:** Receiving scattered showers with varied amounts. Silage being harvested, corn showing maturity. Winter wheat planting near completion - dry land also, though rain needed to keep it progressing. Some areas will show stress if no moisture received in the next few weeks. Calves and stockers being sold or delivered as shown by recent increases in auction receipts. **Torrance:** Harvest of crops continues. **Socorro:** Soil temperatures are still good for germination, but temperatures are dropping. Range grasses were starting to dry out and go dormant, but cooler temperatures should decrease any growth.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	39	35	25	1
Northeast	10	53	37	---
Southwest	---	58	42	---
Southeast	---	18	82	---
State Current	14	42	44	---
State-Last Week	12	38	50	---
State-Last Year	8	39	48	5
State-5-Yr Avg.	18	27	52	3



WEATHER SUMMARY

Tranquil and rather uneventful weather was observed across New Mexico during the early part of the week. A strong upper level disturbance passed over New Mexico during the weekend... bringing heavy rain and some thunderstorms to the state. Some of the highest rainfall amounts were reported in the Albuquerque area where generally between one and two inches of rain fell... Saturday evening and Sunday.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – SEPTEMBER 29 – October 5, 2008

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 29-Sept - 06-Oct.	Month 01-Oct - 06-Oct.	Accum. 1-Jan - 06-Oct.	Normal Oct	Normal Jan-Oct
<b>Northwest</b>								
Albuquerque	65.3	82	49	1.25	1.25	7.34	0.89	7.95
Chama	52.5	77	30	0.86	0.86	18.02	1.96	18.09
Farlington	62.9	82	47	0.87	0.87	5.37	0.85	7.18
Gallup	56.8	81	33	0.30	0.30	10.05	1.29	10.96
Grants	56.1	80	31	0.33	0.33	5.88	1.05	9.56
Johnson Ranch	55.9	83	35	0.74	0.74	6.14	1.11	10.16
Los Alamos	57.4	74	42	0.40	0.40	10.85	1.32	16.62
Red River	48.3	72	27	0.14	0.14	8.04	1.46	18.15
Santa Fe	59.7	82	40	1.26	1.26	9.90	1.04	12.58
<b>Northeast</b>								
Capulin	46.6	76	35	0.00	0.00	13.62	0.97	16.27
Clayton	65.1	87	46	0.04	0.04	11.07	0.90	14.28
Clovis	66.7	85	48	0.03	0.03	7.97	1.34	16.24
Las Vegas	57.4	79	40	0.24	0.24	13.69	1.51	17.78
Moriarty	56.6	84	36	0.51	0.51	8.03	1.10	11.77
Raton	59.7	85	38	0.02	0.02	9.51	0.97	15.61
Roy	61.5	82	44	0.15	0.15	12.49	1.05	14.79
Tucumcari	68.4	91	48	0.30	0.30	15.54	0.94	13.39
<b>Southwest</b>								
Animas	69.6	90	49	0.00	0.00	8.43	1.15	9.91
Deming	66.8	87	46	0.07	0.07	11.32	0.98	9.09
Gran Quivira	60.7	81	42	1.61	1.61	15.74	1.27	14.01
Quemado	53.4	77	30	0.55	0.55	7.28	1.18	12.59
Socorro	61.0	82	39	0.72	0.72	6.59	1.11	8.48
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<b>Southeast</b>								
Alamogordo	63.6	84	46	0.47	0.47	9.87	1.30	11.21
Carlsbad	69.3	90	48	0.11	0.11	8.64	1.05	11.79
Carrizozo	60.9	78	42	0.91	0.91	8.94	1.19	11.31
Las Cruces	67.5	87	48	0.21	0.21	9.46	0.91	8.19
Roswell	65.5	87	46	0.07	0.07	7.96	1.19	11.83
Ruidoso	54.1	82	35	0.22	0.22	19.60	1.31	18.84
Tatum	65.7	89	44	0.00	0.00	10.31	1.49	15.02

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