



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 13, 2008

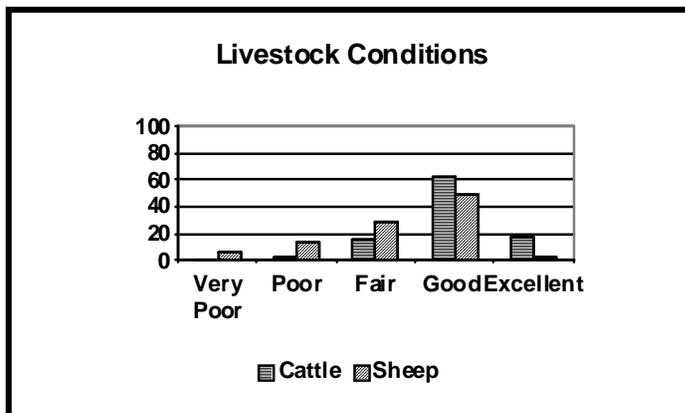
NEW MEXICO: Farmers are continuing harvesting corn, cutting and baling alfalfa. Alfalfa was mostly good with sixth cutting 31% complete. Cotton was mostly good with 80% of bolls opening and 5% harvested. Corn was mostly good to excellent with 97% mature and 18% grain harvested. Irrigated sorghum was mostly good with 94% coloring and 35% mature. Dry sorghum was mostly fair with 67% coloring and 20% mature. Chiles were mostly good with 32% of the red harvest completed. Peanuts were mostly fair with 40% harvested. Pecans were mostly good. Ranchers are gathering, weaning, and selling calves. Cattle were mostly good. Sheep were mostly good to fair. Range and pastures were mostly fair to good. There were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 16% very short, 38% short and 46% adequate. Wind damage was 3% light, 2% moderate and 1% severe.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE (Green)	Harvested	97	94	97	97
CHILE (Red)	Harvested	32	27	46	30
CORN	Mature	97	68	92	97
CORN	Harvest-grain	18	7	47	44
COTTON	Opening Bolls	80	50	90	86
COTTON	Harvested	5	N/A	N/A	3
PEANUTS	Harvested	40	35	27	25
SORGHUM (ALL)	Coloring	76	72	100	84
SORGHUM (ALL)	Mature	25	19	39	28
SORGHUM (ALL)	Harvested	N/A	N/A	8	4
WHEAT	Planted	97	88	97	96
WHEAT	Emerged	92	80	71	84

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	---	31	66	3
Chile	---	7	26	58	9
Corn	---	---	10	48	42
Cotton	---	---	24	62	14
Peanuts	---	---	20	70	10
Pecan	---	---	21	65	14
Sorghum (All)	---	1	48	45	6
Cattle	1	3	16	63	17
Sheep	6	14	29	49	2
Range/Pasture	4	12	45	34	5

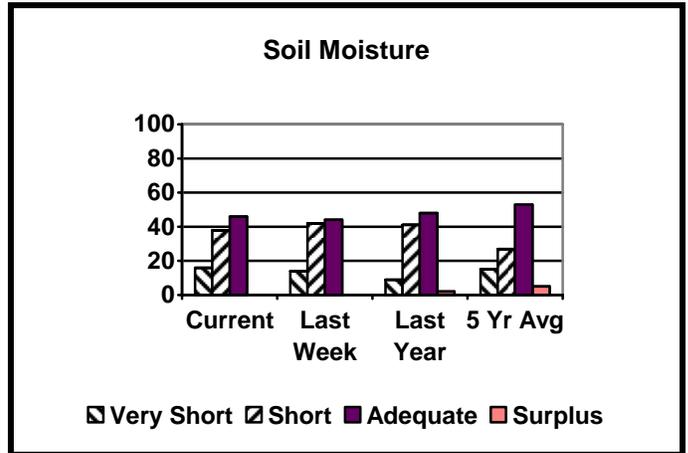


Additional Comments:

Bernalillo: Significant rain on Saturday and Sunday over most of the county. **Colfax:** Received large amounts of rain across the county, anywhere from 1 to 4.5 inches. **Curry:** Farmers continue harvesting corn and some late wheat planting. Pastures are maturing and moisture needed. No supplemental feeding required. **De Baca:** The short rainfall in September kept native grasses from improving further, but ranchers admit that it was a really good year for native grass production. There were some ranches in the county that missed out on the good summer rains and their native grasses will remain in poor to fair condition going into the Fall and Winter season. Ranchers are saying that rain now in October may not benefit the grasses but will be beneficial for the soil moisture and tank water. **Guadalupe:** Ranchers have started to cull and market their calves. Native grass production for 2008 was really good throughout the county with most ranchers going into the Fall and Winter months with sufficient pasture. Rainfall received now will benefit the rancher with soil moisture and tank water. **Catron/Socorro:** Was the final irrigation, final hay cutting, green chile harvest is done, red chile is harvested except for the chile left in the field to dry, and ranchers are beginning to gather cattle. **Chaves:** Nights down into the 40's, so cooling off. **Dona Ana:** Fall cabbage is close to being harvested. Due to the rain last weekend cooler weather. Chile is drying on the vine faster. Many of the alfalfa fields are getting replanted to keel weed pest. **Lea:** Farmers harvested corn, peanuts and chile, planting wheat, and weaning calves. We have some flooding in fields.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	23	43	34	---
Northeast	10	43	47	---
Southwest	---	57	43	---
Southeast	25	9	65	1
State Current	16	38	46	---
State-Last Week	14	42	44	---
State-Last Year	9	41	48	2
State-5-Yr Avg.	15	27	53	5



WEATHER SUMMARY

Temperatures were primarily above normal for most of New Mexico this past week with most stations reporting at least some precipitation.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – OCTOBER 6 - 12, 2008

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 06-Oct- 12-Oct	Month 06-Oct- 12-Oct	Accum. 01-Jan- 12-Oct	Normal Oct	Normal Jan-Oct
Northwest								
Albuquerque	62.1	79	46	0.00	1.25	7.34	0.89	7.95
Chama	46.5	72	24	0.23	1.09	18.25	1.96	18.09
Farlington	55.6	77	30	0.19	1.06	5.56	0.85	7.18
Gallup	50.4	75	19	0.03	0.33	10.08	1.29	10.96
Grants	52.9	77	30	0.27	0.60	6.15	1.05	9.56
Johnson Ranch	51.4	85	31	0.00	0.74	6.14	1.11	10.16
Los Alamos	52.6	71	33	0.00	0.40	10.85	1.32	16.62
Red River	46.7	69	23	1.00	1.14	9.04	1.46	18.15
Santa Fe	56.9	76	40	0.28	1.54	10.18	1.04	12.58
Northeast								
Capulin	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	13.62	0.97	16.27
Clayton	61.9	84	39	0.30	0.34	11.37	0.90	14.28
Clovis	64.1	85	45	0.13	0.16	8.10	1.34	16.24
Las Vegas	56.5	78	35	0.17	0.41	13.86	1.51	17.78
Moriarty	56.6	76	35	0.21	0.72	8.24	1.10	11.77
Raton	57.6	82	30	0.22	0.24	9.73	0.97	15.61
Roy	60.4	83	40	0.28	0.43	12.77	1.05	14.79
Tucumcari	65.1	88	40	0.97	1.27	16.51	0.94	13.39
Southwest								
Animas	65.8	86	47	0.00	0.00	8.43	1.15	9.91
Deming	65.1	87	43	0.03	0.10	11.35	0.98	9.09
Gran Quivira	58.1	75	40	0.20	1.81	15.94	1.27	14.01
Quemado	50.8	75	28	0.00	0.55	7.28	1.18	12.59
Socorro	61.1	80	40	0.06	0.78	6.65	1.11	8.48
T or C	65.1	85	47	0.00	0.26	10.77	0.95	8.62
Southeast								
Alamogordo	65.6	84	42	0.01	0.48	9.88	1.30	11.21
Carlsbad	69.9	92	47	0.22	0.33	8.86	1.05	11.79
Carrizozo	60.1	78	40	0.00	0.91	8.94	1.19	11.31
Las Cruces	66.1	87	47	0.20	0.41	9.66	0.91	8.19
Roswell	64.2	87	42	0.27	0.34	8.23	1.19	11.83
Ruidoso	54.5	72	33	0.11	0.33	19.71	1.31	18.84
Tatum	63.4	87	41	0.31	0.31	10.62	1.49	15.02

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