



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 26, 2008

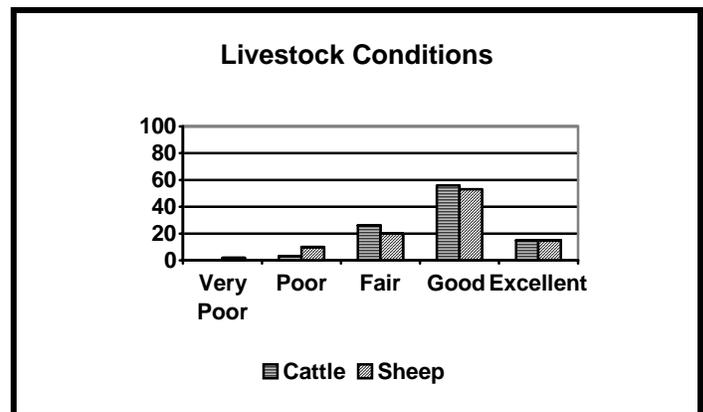
NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa was mostly good with sixth cutting 35% complete. Cotton was mostly good with 90% of bolls opening and 8% harvested. Corn was mostly good to excellent with 99% mature and 38% grain harvested. Irrigated sorghum was mostly good with 71% mature and 10% harvested. Dry sorghum was mostly fair to poor with 53% mature. Chiles were mostly good with 53% of the red harvest completed. Peanuts were mostly good with 50% harvested. Pecans ranged from fair to excellent. Cattle and sheep were mostly good. Range and pastures were mostly fair to good. There were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 4% very short, 36% short, 58% adequate, and 2% surplus. Wind damage was 5% light, 4% moderate and 2% severe.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
ALFALFA	6th cutting	35	32	77	81
CHILE (Red)	Harvested	53	38	69	50
CORN	Harvest-grain	38	25	68	69
COTTON	Opening Bolls	90	83	99	97
COTTON	Harvested	8	6	21	17
PEANUTS	Harvested	50	45	61	50
SORGHUM (ALL)	Coloring	100	77	100	90
SORGHUM (ALL)	Mature	59	30	57	54
SORGHUM (ALL)	Harvested	4	2	48	18
WHEAT	Planted	99	98	100	100
WHEAT	Emerged	96	95	100	96

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	---	30	61	9
Chile	---	5	18	67	10
Corn	---	---	2	52	46
Cotton	---	---	14	72	14
Peanuts	---	---	30	55	15
Pecan	---	1	26	43	30
Sorghum (All)	---	29	34	36	1
Wheat (All)	---	11	24	57	8
Cattle	---	3	26	56	15
Sheep	2	10	20	53	15
Range/Pasture	2	13	39	34	12

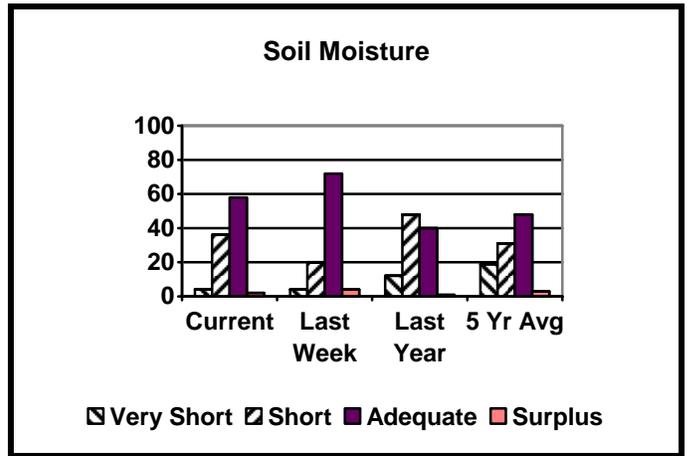


Additional Comments:

Rio Arriba: Farmers are completing the last cut for hay production. Livestock are being brought down from summer/fall pastures to the homestead or closer pastures for winter grazing. The end of the growing season has been reached and crops have been harvested before freeze. **De Baca:** Farmers are harvesting beans, fruits and corn. Ranchers are finishing up last cut of hay. **Sierra:** It's the end of growing season. **Chaves:** Had a killing frost throughout the county one night last week. **De Baca:** Scattered showers received in the county this week. **Guadalupe:** Scattered showers received this week throughout the county. The soil moisture will be beneficial to rangelands entering the fall season. **Dona Ana:** Farmers are in the last of the fifth irrigation and preparing fields for wheat. Farmers are servicing equipment for the pecan and cotton harvests. Also they are continuing to harvest red chile. **Lea:** Farmers are harvesting peanuts, cotton and chile. Ranchers are weaning calves and the livestock are in good shape.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	8	34	50	8
Northeast	6	44	49	1
Southwest	---	42	58	---
Southeast	---	23	76	1
State Current	4	36	58	2
State-Last Week	4	20	72	4
State-Last Year	12	48	40	1
State-5-Yr Avg.	19	31	48	3



WEATHER SUMMARY

A strong cold front moved through the State Tuesday night dropping temperatures below freezing Wednesday and Thursday mornings. The temperatures returned to normal for the season by the end of the work week, but another cold front moved into the State on Sunday with more cold air. The temperatures were below normal during the week and some precipitation was reported in the early part of the work week.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – OCTOBER 20 - 26, 2008

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week	Month	Accum.	Normal	Normal
				20-Oct-26-Oct	1-Oct-26-Oct	01-Jan-26-Oct	Oct	Jan-Oct
Northwest								
Albuquerque	56.3	78	30	0.00	1.38	7.47	0.89	7.95
Chama	40.6	73	6	0.03	1.38	18.54	1.96	18.09
Farmincton	50.0	75	22	0.03	1.09	5.59	0.85	7.18
Gallup	48.5	76	20	0.00	0.33	10.08	1.29	10.96
Grants	46.1	76	13	0.00	0.60	6.15	1.05	9.56
Johnson Ranch	44.1	75	11	0.00	0.74	6.14	1.11	10.16
Los Alamos	45.5	69	20	0.00	0.58	11.03	1.32	16.62
Red River	40.5	60	21	0.12	1.54	9.44	1.46	18.15
Santa Fe	50.8	75	22	0.09	2.21	10.85	1.04	12.58
Northeast								
Capulin	43.5	71	15	0.10	0.10	13.72	0.97	16.27
Clayton	49.0	74	26	0.00	0.91	11.94	0.90	14.28
Clovis	54.4	74	30	0.04	1.43	9.37	1.34	16.24
Las Vegas	48.1	74	20	0.00	1.03	14.48	1.51	17.78
Moriarty	46.9	73	17	0.00	1.30	8.82	1.10	11.77
Raton	46.6	74	19	0.11	0.99	10.48	0.97	15.61
Roy	49.7	72	19	0.00	0.43	12.77	1.05	14.79
Tucumcari	52.6	76	27	0.62	3.01	18.25	0.94	13.39
Southwest								
Animas	63.5	85	35	0.00	0.00	8.43	1.15	9.91
Deming	59.7	86	32	0.00	0.10	11.35	0.98	9.09
Gran Quivira	52.4	72	25	0.15	2.63	16.76	1.27	14.01
Quemado	45.8	73	15	0.00	0.55	7.28	1.18	12.59
Socorro	57.5	78	35	0.04	1.14	7.01	1.11	8.48
T or C	59.9	82	33	0.00	0.37	10.88	0.95	8.62
Southeast								
Alamogordo	57.4	84	28	0.00	0.65	10.05	1.30	11.21
Carlsbad	60.1	86	34	0.00	0.42	8.95	1.05	11.79
Carrizozo	52.7	77	19	0.00	1.26	9.29	1.19	11.31
Las Cruces	60.4	85	35	0.00	0.41	9.66	0.91	8.19
Roswell	55.1	79	30	0.01	0.68	8.57	1.19	11.83
Ruidoso	48.3	71	20	0.02	0.91	20.29	1.31	18.84
Tatum	54.0	81	26	0.07	1.95	12.26	1.49	15.02

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