



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 16, 2008

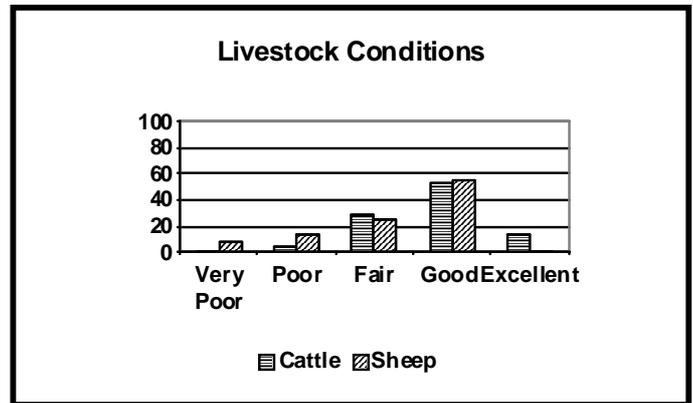
NEW MEXICO: Days suitable for fieldwork 7.0. Topsoil moisture 18% very short, 51% short, 29% adequate, 2% surplus. Wind damage 13% light, 4% moderate, and 2% severe. Freeze damage 18% light, 16% moderate, and 19% severe. Alfalfa 4% very poor, 1% poor, 36% fair, 50% good, 9% excellent; sixth cut 75% complete. Cotton 26% fair, 59% good, 15% excellent; 99% bolls open, 41% harvested. Corn 55% good, 45% excellent; 88% grain harvested. Irrigated sorghum 1% poor, 8% fair, 88% good, 3% excellent, 44% harvested. Dry sorghum 7% very poor, 45% poor, 48% fair; 100% mature, 100% harvested. Peanuts 40% fair, 50% good, 10% excellent; 100% harvested. Lettuce 50% fair, 50% good, 95% harvested. Chile 11% poor, 27% fair, 46% good 16% excellent; 97% red chile harvested. Pecans 1% poor, 23% fair, 57% good, 19% excellent. Cattle 1% very poor, 4% poor, 29% fair, 53% good, 13% excellent. Sheep 7% very poor, 13% poor, 24% fair, 55% good, 1% excellent. Range and pasture 3% very poor, 17% poor, 46% fair, 29% good, and 5% excellent.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
ALFALFA	6th cutting	75	71	99	100
CHILE (Red)	Harvested	97	95	89	73
CORN	Harvest-grain	88	81	92	96
COTTON	Opening Bolls	99	97	100	100
COTTON	Harvested	41	31	74	56
SORGHUM (ALL)	Mature	100	81	67	89
SORGHUM (ALL)	Harvested	45	17	99	51
PEANUTS	Harvested	100	90	100	92

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	4	1	36	50	9
Chile	---	11	27	46	16
Corn	---	---	---	55	45
Cotton	---	---	26	59	15
Sorghum (All)	5	30	34	31	---
Peanuts	---	---	40	50	10
Pecan	---	1	23	57	19
Wheat (All)	---	10	29	51	10
Cattle	1	4	29	53	13
Sheep	7	13	24	55	1
Range/Pasture	3	17	46	29	5

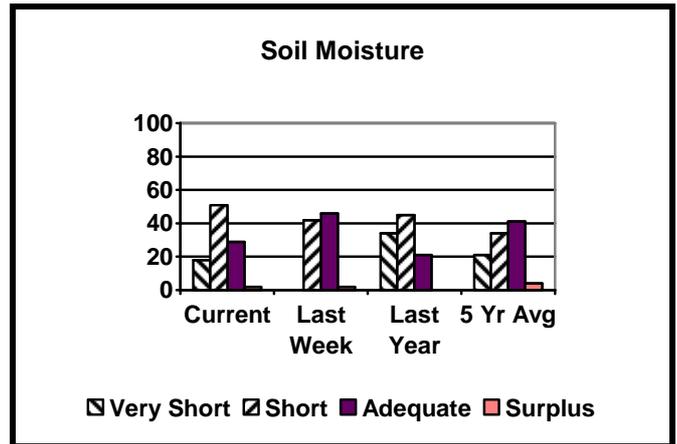


Additional Comments:

Santa Fe: Light winds as well as snow showers above 6,500 feet with sub freezing temperatures each night. **Guadalupe:** Range and livestock conditions are good going into the winter months. Livestock producers marketing calves and culling herds. Harvesting and fall plantings pretty much complete. No moisture. **Quay:** High winds and warm days have dried out moisture left in the topsoil. Hay production shut down. Cattle in good shape with plenty of pasture. **Socorro:** Ranchers gathering and shipping. Farming is done for the year. A killing frost has occurred in Catron and Socorro counties.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	36	29	30	5
Northeast	23	58	19	---
Southwest	---	72	28	---
Southeast	3	55	42	---
State Current	18	51	29	2
State-Last Week	---	42	46	2
State-Last Year	34	45	21	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	21	34	41	4



WEATHER SUMMARY

This has been a very dry week for most of the state except for a few stations in the north. Des Moines-Capulin had .64, Chama .44, and Farmington 0.15 inches. Temperatures were near normal over most of the state with Clayton a little above and Johnson Ranch a little below normal. The forecast for the week is mostly cool and dry.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – NOVEMBER 10 - 16, 2008

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week	Month	Accum.	Normal	Normal
				10-Nov-16-Nov	01-Nov-16-Nov	01-Jan-16-Nov	Nov	Jan-Nov
Northwest								
Albuquerque	46.3	66	28	0.01	0.02	7.49	0.43	8.38
Chama	34.4	61	9	0.44	0.53	19.07	1.72	19.81
Farmington	41.3	59	22	0.15	0.16	5.75	0.94	8.12
Gallup	37.4	65	11	0.05	0.10	10.18	0.95	11.91
Grants	40.9	69	15	0.05	0.10	6.25	0.58	10.14
Johnson Ranch	37.1	64	10	0.05	0.05	6.19	0.69	10.85
Los Alamos	39.0	59	17	0.00	0.00	11.03	1.02	17.64
Red River	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	9.44	1.18	19.33
Santa Fe	38.9	62	14	0.12	0.12	10.97	0.63	13.21
Northeast								
Capulin	37.6	70	9	0.64	0.64	14.36	0.67	16.94
Clayton	45.8	75	20	0.04	0.10	12.04	0.52	14.80
Clovis	47.4	73	24	0.00	0.02	9.39	0.73	16.97
Las Vegas	39.8	74	15	0.01	0.01	14.49	0.58	18.36
Moriarty	40.8	63	12	0.00	0.00	8.82	0.40	12.17
Raton	39.4	73	12	0.07	0.07	10.55	0.61	16.22
Roy	43.8	73	17	0.00	0.00	12.77	0.50	15.29
Tucumcari	48.1	77	24	0.00	0.00	18.25	0.51	13.90
Southwest								
Animas	50.6	74	32	0.00	0.00	8.43	0.71	10.62
Deming	50.0	77	28	0.00	0.00	11.35	0.64	9.73
Gran Quivira	42.3	63	15	0.02	0.02	16.78	0.91	14.92
Quemado	35.2	63	10	0.00	0.00	7.28	0.45	13.04
Socorro	45.9	69	20	0.00	0.00	7.01	0.47	8.95
T or C	49.9	72	31	0.00	0.00	10.88	0.60	9.22
Southeast								
Alamoqordo	48.8	76	23	0.00	0.00	10.05	0.71	11.92
Carlsbad	50.6	77	24	0.00	0.00	8.95	0.59	12.38
Carrizozo	45.3	66	23	0.00	0.00	9.29	0.76	12.07
Las Cruces	50.9	78	28	0.00	0.00	9.66	0.53	8.72
Roswell	46.8	74	22	0.00	0.00	8.57	0.55	12.38
Ruidoso	42.1	66	16	0.08	0.08	20.37	0.88	19.72
Tatum	44.9	72	16	0.00	0.00	12.26	0.55	15.57

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