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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 23, 2008

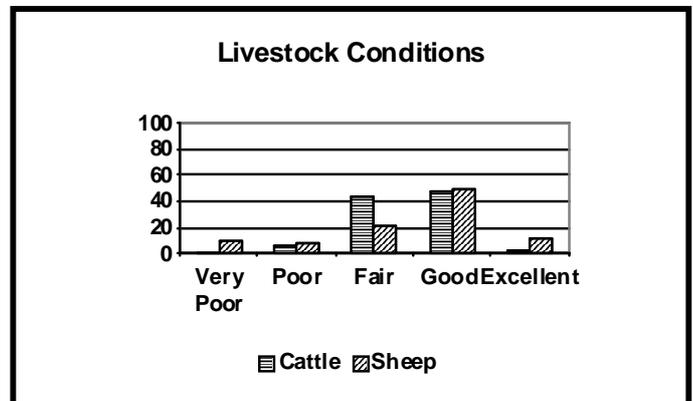
NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa was mostly good with sixth cutting 77% complete. Cotton was mostly good with 70% harvested. Corn was mostly good with 100% of the grain harvest completed. Irrigated sorghum was mostly good with 95% harvested. Dry sorghum was mostly poor with 100% harvested. Chile was mostly good with 98% of the red harvest complete. Peanut was mostly good to fair. Pecan was mostly good. Lettuce was mostly good with 96% harvested. Cattle and sheep were mostly good to fair. Range and pastures were mostly fair to good. There were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 14% very short, 50% short and 36% adequate. Wind damage was 13% light and freeze damage 10% light, 8% moderate, and 17% severe.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
ALFALFA	6th cutting	77	75	100	100
CHILE (Red)	Harvested	98	97	91	77
CORN	Harvest-grain	100	88	99	98
COTTON	Opening Bolls	100	99	100	100
COTTON	Harvested	70	41	77	67
SORGHUM (ALL)	Mature	100	100	77	94
SORGHUM (ALL)	Harvested	98	45	100	64
PEANUTS	Harvested	100	100	100	95

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	---	12	88	---
Chile	---	7	21	62	10
Corn	---	---	---	100	---
Cotton	---	---	14	72	14
Sorghum (All)	---	65	---	35	---
Peanuts	---	---	40	50	10
Pecan	---	---	14	74	12
Wheat (All)	---	24	36	40	---
Cattle	1	6	44	47	2
Sheep	10	8	21	49	12
Range/Pasture	9	15	41	25	10

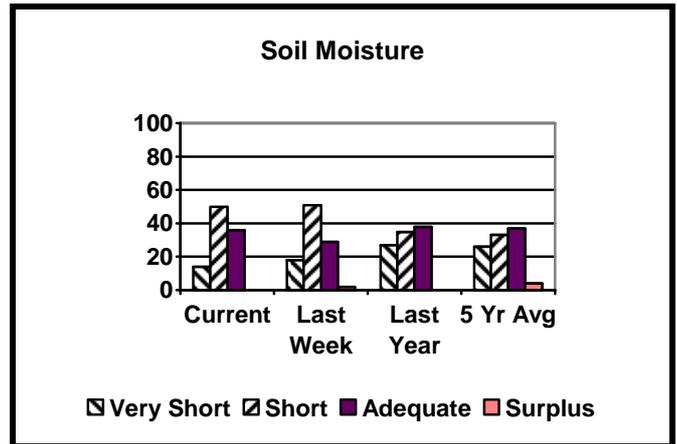


Additional Comments:

Santa Fe: This week was very dry. It had unusually warm days and cold nights. Ranchers were gathering, marketing and culling calves. **Curry:** Livestock are in good condition. Winter supplemental feeding started. All alfalfa, hay and garden crops harvested for the season. **Guadalupe:** Hot-warm days and cold nights are making young animals sick. Freeze damage reported from some farms. **Chaves:** Ranchers are shipping fall calves, to wheat pastures and sale barn. Cotton harvest is under way. **Dona Ana:** Cattle are looking really good

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	27	53	20	---
Northeast	10	45	45	---
Southwest	---	100	---	---
Southeast	6	25	69	---
State Current	14	50	36	---
State-Last Week	18	51	29	2
State-Last Year	27	35	38	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	26	33	37	4



WEATHER SUMMARY

Weather conditions remained warm and dry across New Mexico through midweek. However, temperatures fell sharply over portions of eastern and central New Mexico Thursday, in the wake of a vigorous cold front that passed through the state. Very light precipitation was reported at a few stations. Warmer temperatures returned by the weekend. Red River data was unavailable. Data from Los Alamos was missing for part of the week.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – NOVEMBER 17- 23, 2008

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week	Month	Accum.	Normal	Normal
				17-Nov-23-Nov	01-Nov-23-Nov	01-Jan-23-Nov	Nov	Jan-Nov
Northwest								
Albuquerque	46.1	67	28	0	0.02	7.49	0.43	8.38
Chama	38.2	65	6	0	0.53	19.07	1.72	19.81
Farmington	44.7	70	29	0	0.16	5.75	0.94	8.12
Gallup	39.1	69	11	0	0.10	10.18	0.95	11.91
Grants	40.1	68	14	0	0.10	6.25	0.58	10.14
Johnson Ranch	38.4	69	12	0	0.05	6.19	0.69	10.85
Los Alamos	44.3	62	25	0	0.00	11.03	1.02	17.64
Red River	0.0	0	0	0	0.00	9.44	1.18	19.33
Santa Fe	40.9	68	15	0	0.12	10.97	0.63	13.21
Northeast								
Capulin	40.4	68	14	0	0.64	14.36	0.67	16.94
Clayton	48.6	76	25	0	0.10	12.04	0.52	14.80
Clovis	47.9	74	27	0.04	0.06	9.43	0.73	16.97
Las Vegas	44.4	68	20	0	0.01	14.49	0.58	18.36
Moriarty	37.9	68	12	0	0.00	8.82	0.40	12.17
Raton	41.9	72	20	0	0.07	10.55	0.61	16.22
Roy	47.1	71	22	0	0.00	12.77	0.50	15.29
Tucumcari	47.7	75	25	0	0.00	18.25	0.51	13.90
Southwest								
Animas	50.7	71	31	0	0.00	8.43	0.71	10.62
Deming	47.9	73	25	0	0.00	11.35	0.64	9.73
Gran Quivira	43.6	69	16	0	0.02	16.78	0.91	14.92
Quemado	39.9	68	13	0	0.00	7.28	0.45	13.04
Socorro	42.8	67	18	0	0.00	7.01	0.47	8.95
T or C	47.6	71	25	0	0.00	10.88	0.60	9.22
Southeast								
Alamogordo	46.4	72	25	0	0.00	10.05	0.71	11.92
Carlsbad	47.5	77	23	0	0.00	8.95	0.59	12.38
Carrizozo	41.0	73	16	0	0.00	9.29	0.76	12.07
Las Cruces	49.3	73	28	0	0.00	9.66	0.53	8.72
Roswell	42.9	73	20	0	0.00	8.57	0.55	12.38
Ruidoso	41.6	67	18	0	0.08	20.37	0.88	19.72
Tatum	42.9	77	14	0	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.