



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2008

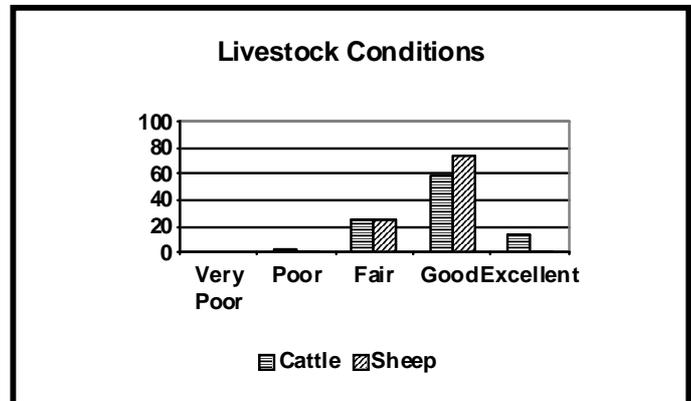
NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa was mostly good with sixth cutting 84% complete. Cotton was mostly good with 69% harvested. Chile was mostly good with 99% of the red harvest complete. Pecan was mostly good with 10% harvested. Lettuce was mostly good with 97% harvested. Cattle and sheep were mostly good to fair. Range and pastures were mostly fair to good. There were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 7% very short, 47% short, 42% adequate, and 4% surplus. Wind damage was 7% light, 9% moderate, and 2% severe. Freeze damage 14% light, 15% moderate and 4% severe.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
ALFALFA	6th cutting	84	77	100	90
CHILE (Red)	Harvested	99	98	96	84
COTTON	Harvested	69	68	83	81
PECAN	Harvested	10	N/A	17	12

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	---	45	55	---
Chile	---	8	25	54	13
Cotton	---	4	16	70	10
Pecan	---	---	18	69	13
Wheat (All)	---	12	29	51	8
Cattle	---	3	25	59	13
Sheep	---	1	25	73	1
Range/Pasture	---	12	48	35	5

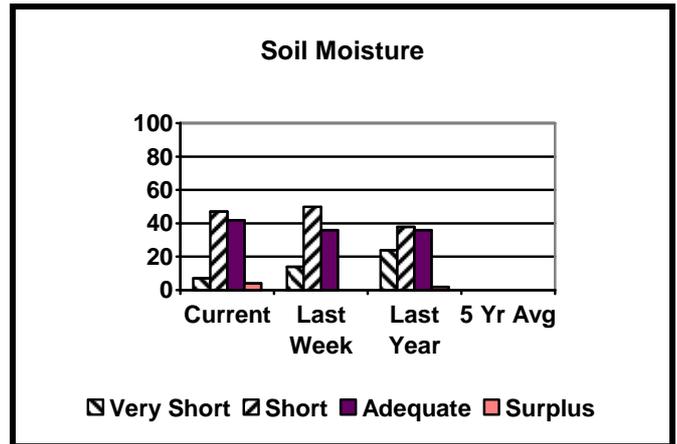


Additional Comments:

Rio Arriba: Some precipitation over Thanksgiving, however gusting, heavy winds over the weekend would surely negate any improvements to drought conditions, topsoil moisture. **Guadalupe:** Not much activity in the farming business. Livestock and pasture conditions are all doing well. On Thursday we got a little moisture. It sprinkled a little to wet the ground. I think some areas received snow like Anton Chico and Vaughn areas. Some ranchers are supplemental feeding. Most ranchers have sold their calves. **Dona Ana:** Farmers were harvesting pecans, cotton, lettuce, and cabbage. They were plowing fields to prepare for the winter. Pecan harvest is going slow due to high temperatures. Cotton harvest is still in full swing although the price is down.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	5	25	53	17
Northeast	15	55	30	---
Southwest	---	100	---	---
Southeast	---	35	65	---
State Current	7	47	42	4
State-Last Week	14	50	36	---
State-Last Year	24	38	36	2
State-5-Yr Avg.	---	---	---	---



WEATHER SUMMARY

TEMPERATURES WERE, ON AVERAGE, BELOW NORMAL FOR THE WEEK. MOST SITES REPORTED PRECIPITATION. PRECIPITATION TYPE VARIED FROM RAIN TO SNOW WITH SOME AREAS IN THE NORTHEAST MOUNTAIN (CAPULIN, RATON) AREAS GETTING AROUND A FOOT OF SNOW.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – NOVEMBER 24 - 30, 2008

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 24-Nov- 30-Nov	Month 01-Nov- 30-Nov	Accum. 01-Jan- 30-Nov	Normal Nov	Normal Jan-Nov
Northwest								
Albuquerque	44.9	62	31	0.21	0.23	7.70	0.43	8.38
Chama	30.4	54	6	0.41	0.94	19.48	1.72	19.81
Farlington	41.6	56	27	0.50	0.66	6.25	0.94	8.12
Gallup	37.5	58	8	0.41	0.51	10.59	0.95	11.91
Grants	38.1	61	9	0.30	0.40	6.55	0.58	10.14
Johnson Ranch	35.1	59	11	0.00	0.05	6.19	0.69	10.85
Los Alamos	37.4	55	23	1.00	1.00	12.03	1.02	17.64
Red River	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	9.44	1.18	19.33
Santa Fe	39.8	60	19	0.27	0.39	11.24	0.63	13.21
Northeast								
Capulin	33.1	60	12	0.56	1.20	14.92	0.67	16.94
Clayton	41.4	66	23	0.01	0.11	12.05	0.52	14.80
Clovis	43.8	67	27	0.04	0.10	9.47	0.73	16.97
Las Vegas	36.7	62	17	0.29	0.30	14.78	0.58	18.36
Moriarty	38.1	63	14	0.52	0.52	9.34	0.40	12.17
Raton	36.1	65	17	0.17	0.24	10.72	0.61	16.22
Roy	36.5	63	18	0.22	0.22	12.99	0.50	15.29
Tucumcari	43.4	73	26	0.15	0.15	18.40	0.51	13.90
Southwest								
Animas	50.3	69	36	0.46	0.46	8.89	0.71	10.62
Deming	49.0	68	30	0.34	0.34	11.69	0.64	9.73
Gran Quivira	42.1	62	24	0.22	0.24	17.00	0.91	14.92
Quemado	38.3	62	13	0.06	0.06	7.34	0.45	13.04
Socorro	43.5	64	22	0.21	0.21	7.22	0.47	8.95
T or C	48.5	66	32	0.23	0.23	11.11	0.60	9.22
Southeast								
Alamogordo	47.6	65	29	0.30	0.30	10.35	0.71	11.92
Carlsbad	50.4	71	26	0.03	0.03	8.98	0.59	12.38
Carrizozo	45.2	68	21	0.00	0.00	9.29	0.76	12.07
Las Cruces	50.1	69	32	0.37	0.37	10.03	0.53	8.72
Roswell	43.9	69	23	0.01	0.01	8.58	0.55	12.38
Ruidoso	41.4	61	20	0.18	0.26	20.55	0.88	19.72
Tatum	44.6	70	23	0.04	0.04	12.30	0.55	15.57

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