



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 7, 2008

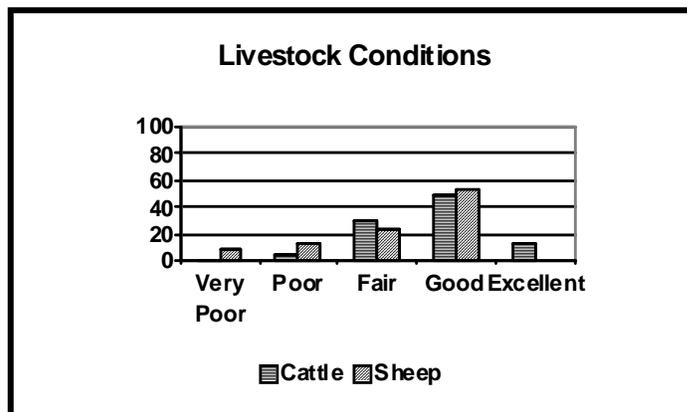
NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa was mostly fair with sixth cutting 100% complete. Cotton was mostly fair to good with 72% harvested. Pecans were mostly good with 40% harvested. Cattle were mostly good to fair. Sheep were mostly good. Range and pastures were mostly fair to good. There were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 16% very short, 48% short, 43% adequate, and 3% surplus. Wind damage was 10% light, 9% moderate and 1% severe. Freeze damage 23% light, 11% moderate and 13% severe.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
ALFALFA	6th cutting	100	84	100	100
COTTON	Harvested	72	69	92	94
PECAN	Harvested	40	10	19	14

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	---	57	43	---
Cotton	---	3	48	36	13
Pecan	---	1	24	56	19
Wheat (All)	---	---	66	24	10
Cattle	1	5	31	49	14
Sheep	9	14	23	54	---
Range/Pasture	---	12	48	35	5

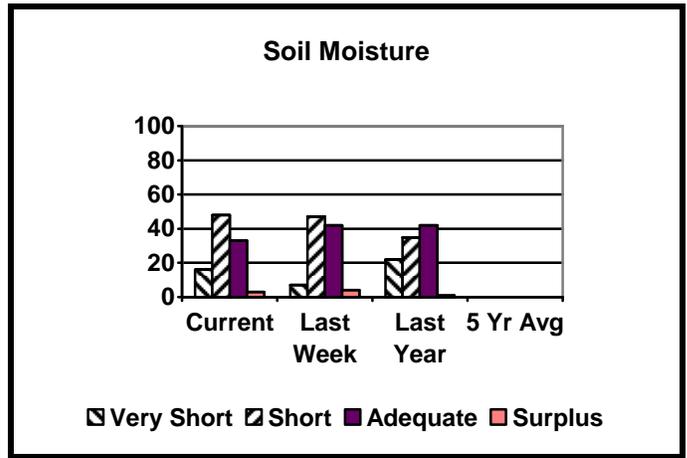


Additional Comments:

Santa Fe: Livestock still faring well despite dry conditions. No recent precipitations. Heavy winds continue to dry out topsoil. Ranchers supplemental feeding, continue to wean, ship calves, and cull cows. **Colfax:** Cold made the work uncomfortable. **De Baca:** Some moisture received this week (snow and rain), but scattered throughout the county. The dry rangeland pastures could use a little more moisture. **Quay:** Dryland wheat is starting to suffer. No rains in a long time.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	29	26	33	12
Northeast	17	48	35	---
Southwest	---	100	---	---
Southeast	5	56	39	---
State Current	16	48	33	3
State-Last Week	7	47	42	4
State-Last Year	22	35	42	1
State-5-Yr Avg.	---	---	---	---



WEATHER SUMMARY

This week was fairly dry with some areas receiving only 0.01 inches. Tucumcari saw the most precipitation with 0.06 inches. Temperatures were, on average, near or above normal.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - DECEMBER 1 - 7, 2008

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 01-Dec- 07-Dec	Month 01-Dec- 07-Dec	Accum. 01-Jan- 07-Dec	Normal Dec	Normal Jan-Dec
Northwest								
Albuquerque	44.5	63	26	0.00	0.00	7.70	0.50	8.88
Chama	29.7	51	5	0.01	0.01	19.49	1.80	21.61
Farmincton	38.3	56	20	0.00	0.00	6.25	0.50	8.62
Gallup	37.0	62	13	0.00	0.00	10.59	0.96	12.87
Grants	37.1	66	12	0.00	0.00	6.55	0.66	10.80
Johnson Ranch	33.1	61	10	0.00	0.00	6.19	0.67	11.52
Los Alamos	37.6	61	22	0.00	0.00	12.03	1.08	18.72
Red River	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	9.44	1.16	20.49
Santa Fe	38.6	60	15	0.00	0.00	11.24	0.77	13.98
Northeast								
Capulin	30.4	60	9	0.06	0.06	14.98	0.48	17.42
Clayton	40.4	69	16	0.00	0.00	12.05	0.29	15.09
Clovis	41.4	76	15	0.01	0.01	9.48	0.54	17.51
Las Vegas	39.4	69	11	0.00	0.00	14.78	0.68	19.04
Moriarty	38.3	66	11	0.01	0.01	9.35	0.54	12.71
Raton	35.6	67	10	0.01	0.01	10.73	0.58	16.80
Roy	37.3	65	10	0.00	0.00	12.99	0.45	15.74
Tucumcari	41.9	75	12	0.07	0.07	18.47	0.27	14.17
Southwest								
Animas	49.6	68	30	0.00	0.00	8.89	1.08	11.70
Deming	47.8	72	25	0.00	0.00	11.69	0.85	10.58
Gran Quivira	41.8	64	14	0.00	0.00	17.00	1.10	16.02
Quemado	35.2	65	11	0.00	0.00	7.34	1.02	14.06
Socorro	44.6	69	20	0.00	0.00	7.22	0.58	9.53
T or C	47.0	74	26	0.00	0.00	11.11	1.07	10.29
Southeast								
Alamogordo	43.4	69	26	0.00	0.00	10.35	0.82	12.74
Carlsbad	44.1	84	18	0.00	0.00	8.98	0.41	12.79
Carrizozo	39.9	65	16	0.00	0.00	9.29	0.76	12.83
Las Cruces	47.9	73	30	0.00	0.00	10.03	0.68	9.40
Roswell	40.5	82	17	0.00	0.00	8.58	0.55	12.93
Ruidoso	41.4	62	15	0.00	0.00	20.55	1.63	21.35
Tatum	38.6	79	14	0.00	0.00	12.30	0.48	16.05

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