



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 8, 2009

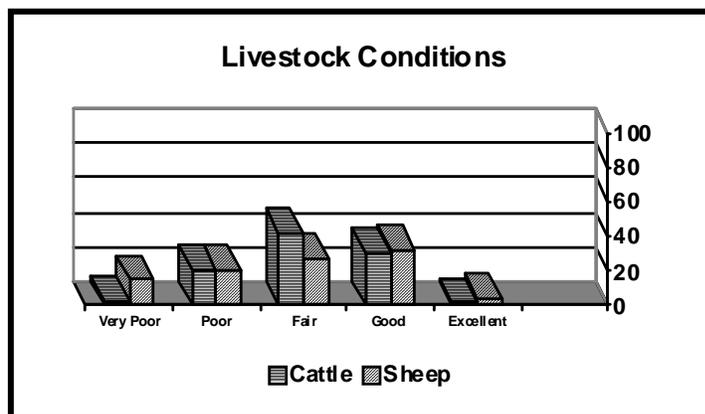
NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa was 4% poor, 40% fair and 56% good. Winter wheat was 30% very poor, 36% poor, 18% fair, 12% good, and 4% excellent with 52% grazed. Lettuce was 40% good and 60% excellent. Chile was 4% planted. Onion was 29% fair, 34% good and 37% excellent with 70% planted. Cattle were 3% very poor, 21% poor, 43% fair, 31% good, and 2% excellent. Sheep were 15% very poor, 21% poor, 28% fair, 32% good, and 4% excellent. Range and pasture were 11% very poor, 32% poor, 43% fair, 13% good, 1% excellent. Many farmers and ranchers were feeding hay or supplement to livestock. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.5. Topsoil moisture was 60% very short, 33% short and 7% adequate. Wind damage was 26% light, 15% moderate and 1% severe. Freeze damage was 10% light, 1% moderate. Across the state temperatures were well above normal for the week. Precipitation was confined mainly to the Northeast area of New Mexico with only Clovis and Gallup reporting precipitation outside those areas.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Planted	4	N/A	3	2
WHEAT	Grazed	52	N/A	13	9
ONIONS	Planted	70	N/A	64	39

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	4	40	56	---
Lettuce	---	---	---	40	60
Onions	---	---	29	34	37
Wheat (All)	30	36	18	12	4
Cattle	3	21	43	31	2
Sheep	15	21	28	32	4
Range/Pasture	11	32	43	13	1

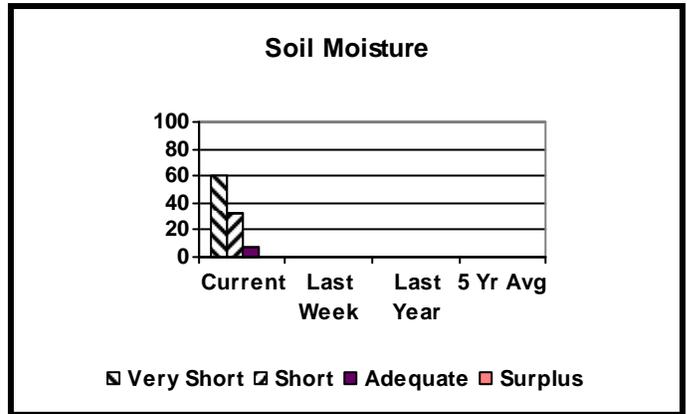


Additional Comments:

Bernalillo was extremely dry and warm with some wind. **Cibola** has not had precipitation since early February. We have had about three days of severe winds, with two days of severe dust conditions and unseasonable warmth. Most crop species in the area are still in their dormant stage. **Rio Arriba** has had very little precipitation for the month of February. **Curry** has had no moisture and mild winter. **De Baca** had dry conditions for range land. Irrigation for crops began last week of February (Feb. 27/28). Irrigated Winter Wheat was 3 to 6 inches. They had lots of wind and dry all winter. No winter moisture at all. **Guadalupe** had very windy conditions this week on Thursday and Friday. They had very dry conditions too. We have not had any type of moisture since December. Daytime temperatures were above normal for this time of the year. Ranchers were supplement feeding their livestock. Acequia groups are working on repairs to their irrigation systems. **Quay** started cattle feeding and cotton ground being prepped. **Lea** was very dry with very high winds and the soil have been prepare for planting. **Catron and Socorro** were in very dry conditions. **Chaves** farmers are busy pre-watering, range conditions are extremely dry and they did not have winter moisture. In **Eddy** high winds have affected it since the beginning of the year. They did not have measurable precipitation and the small amount they have received was immediately dried out by wind. It has been so long since it has rained, the last event is now on the History channel. **Lincoln** range conditions continue to deteriorate.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	55	29	15	1
Northeast	78	22	---	---
Southwest	---	100	---	---
Southeast	70	19	11	---
State Current	60	33	7	---
State-Last Week	---	---	---	---
State-Last Year	---	---	---	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	---	---	---	---



WEATHER SUMMARY

Across the state temperatures were well above normal for the week. Precipitation was confined mainly to the north central and north east areas of New Mexico with only Clovis and Gallup reporting precipitation outside those areas.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - MARCH 2 - 8, 2009

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 02-Mar- 08-Mar	Month 01-Mar- 08-Mar	Accum. 01-Jan- 08-Mar	Normal Mar	Normal Jan-Mar
Northwest								
Albuquerque	53.4	73	26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.54	1.44
Chama	37.5	63	7	0.12	0.12	1.82	1.99	5.34
Farmington	49.0	70	22	0.00	0.00	0.98	0.81	1.97
Gallup	45.1	73	15	0.30	0.30	1.33	1.05	2.59
Grants	43.9	76	8	0.00	0.00	0.36	0.50	1.50
Johnson Ranch	41.3	65	9	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.74	1.98
Los Alamos	49.9	65	31	0.00	0.00	0.03	1.22	2.88
Red River	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.78	4.07
Santa Fe	49.1	73	19	0.03	0.03	0.08	0.74	2.06
Northeast								
Capulin	46.9	71	16	0.08	0.08	0.68	0.89	1.85
Clayton	56.4	80	29	0.00	0.00	0.64	0.55	1.10
Clovis	58.8	82	23	0.01	0.01	0.14	0.59	1.49
Las Vegas	48.9	75	18	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.63	1.71
Moriarty	47.7	72	17	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.53	1.44
Raton	50.1	75	15	0.02	0.02	0.39	0.83	1.84
Roy	52.8	75	24	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.55	1.32
Tucumcari	61.6	85	30	0.00	0.00	1.15	0.40	1.13
Southwest								
Animas	60.5	82	31	0.00	0.00	0.43	0.47	1.66
Deming	57.8	84	29	0.00	0.00	0.27	0.34	1.36
Gran Quivira	52.6	73	26	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.72	2.24
Quemado	44.4	73	7	0.00	0.00	0.87	0.80	2.35
Socorro	54.2	80	22	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.27	1.05
T or C	57.8	79	32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.34	1.18
Southeast								
Alamogordo	58.3	82	28	0.62	0.62	1.49	0.46	1.67
Carlsbad	65.3	91	27	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.30	1.00
Carrizozo	52.5	75	19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.57	1.74
Las Cruces	58.7	83	33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.22	1.05
Roswell	57.6	87	26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.45	1.34
Ruidoso	52.6	74	28	0.00	0.00	0.30	1.33	3.61
Tatum	57.5	86	18	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.52	1.41

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