



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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Crop Weather

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 22, 2009

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa condition was mostly good to fair. Irrigated winter wheat condition was mostly fair to good, while the non-irrigated acreage was mostly poor to very poor; with 65% of the total wheat grazed. Lettuce condition was mostly good to excellent. Chile was 23% planted. Onion condition was mostly good, ranging from fair to excellent; with 97% planted. Cattle condition ranged from poor to good, with the majority fair. Sheep condition ranged

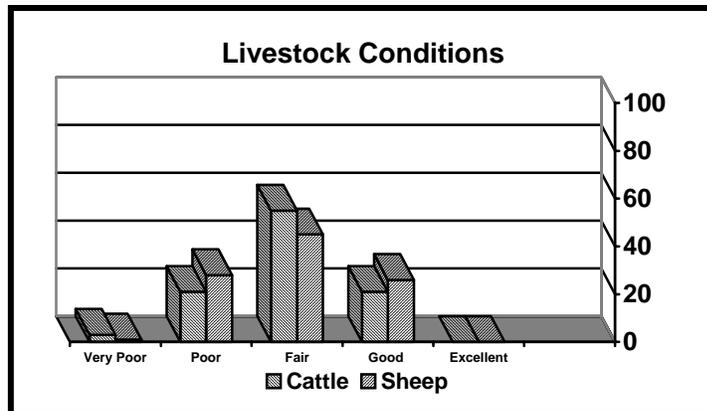
from poor to good. Range and pasture condition was mostly fair to poor. Ranchers were supplemental feeding and watering. Farmers are preparing fields for planting. Some have begun irrigating while others worked on ditch projects. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.6. Topsoil moisture was 48% very short, 40% short and 12% adequate. Wind damage was 15% light and 16% moderate. Freeze damage was 15% light and 5% moderate.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Planted	23	9	27	37
WHEAT	Grazed	65	52	52	33
ONIONS	Planted	97	92	99	97

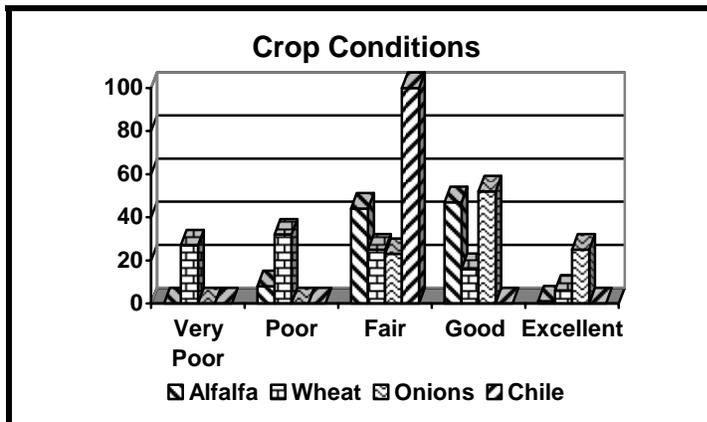
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	8	44	47	1
Chile	---	---	100	---	---
Lettuce	---	---	---	60	40
Onions	---	---	23	52	25
Wheat (All)	27	32	25	16	---
Cattle	3	21	55	21	---
Sheep	1	28	45	26	---
Range/Pasture	14	39	43	4	---



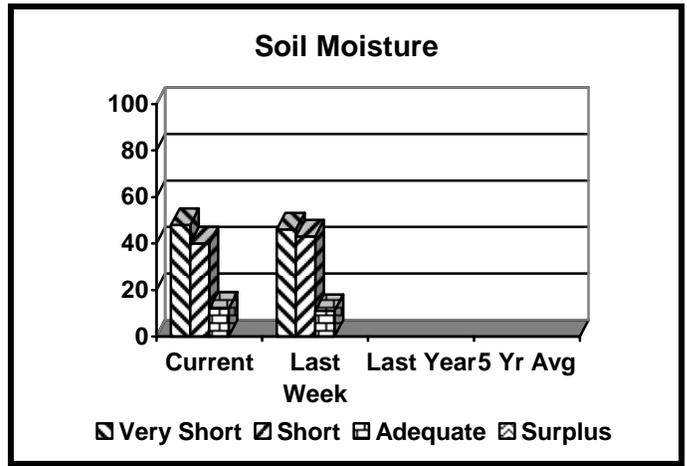
County Reporter Comments:

Santa Fe – Grass condition is very dry with extremely high winds contributing to severe fire danger. Grass conditions are very poor. In **Guadalupe** stock pond waters are dropping quickly and some moisture received last week, but none measureable. **Torrance** is very dry, windy and warm. **Union** has very dry conditions, lacking normally expected early spring growth of weeds and other forage. **Sierra** is unseasonably hot and dry with lots of wind and no rain. Irrigation has begun in **Dona Ana** with pecan orchards being the first irrigated.



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	28	46	26	---
Northeast	50	48	2	---
Southwest	50	50	---	---
Southeast	59	16	25	---
State Current	48	40	12	---
State-Last Week	46	43	11	---
State-Last Year	---	---	---	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	---	---	---	---



WEATHER SUMMARY

High pressure provided dry and mild conditions Monday through Wednesday. A back door cold front moved into the state Wednesday night cooling temperatures. Showers and a few thunderstorms fell on Friday across the eastern half of New Mexico.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – MARCH 16 - 23, 2009

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 16-Mar- 23-Mar	Month 01-Mar- 23-Mar	Accum. 01-Jan- 23-Mar	Normal Mar	Normal Jan-Mar
Northwest								
Albuquerque	53.1	75	24	0.00	0.31	0.31	0.54	1.44
Chama	44.4	64	20	0.00	0.24	1.94	1.99	5.34
Farmington	52.5	74	30	0.03	0.34	1.32	0.81	1.97
Gallup	47.1	72	22	0.00	0.46	1.49	1.05	2.59
Grants	49.1	74	22	0.00	0.57	0.93	0.50	1.50
Johnson Ranch	48.1	71	21	0.00	0.15	0.19	0.74	1.98
Los Alamos	50.4	67	33	0.00	0.43	0.46	1.22	2.88
Red River	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.78	4.07
Santa Fe	53.2	74	29	0.00	0.18	0.23	0.74	2.06
Northeast								
Capulin	46.3	70	22	0.00	0.57	1.17	0.89	1.85
Clayton	56.6	79	31	0.00	0.15	0.79	0.55	1.10
Clovis	57.1	80	36	0.00	0.21	0.34	0.59	1.49
Las Vegas	50.8	71	26	0.00	0.14	0.23	0.63	1.71
Moriarty	48.2	73	24	0.00	0.06	0.26	0.53	1.44
Raton	50.4	76	25	0.00	0.33	0.70	0.83	1.84
Roy	52.6	74	27	0.00	0.10	0.23	0.55	1.32
Tucumcari	58.6	82	31	0.00	0.00	1.15	0.40	1.13
Southwest								
Animas	60.9	79	37	0.00	0.48	0.91	0.47	1.66
Deming	59.1	82	30	0.00	0.31	0.58	0.34	1.36
Gran Quivira	52.7	72	30	0.00	0.34	0.54	0.72	2.24
Quemado	45.2	72	14	0.00	0.12	0.99	0.80	2.35
Socorro	57.2	80	28	0.00	0.12	0.13	0.27	1.05
T or C	61.6	79	39	0.00	0.20	0.20	0.34	1.18
Southeast								
Alamogordo	59.8	81	33	0.00	0.64	1.51	0.46	1.67
Carlsbad	63.6	87	37	0.06	0.07	0.21	0.30	1.00
Carrizozo	54.9	76	27	0.03	0.78	0.78	0.57	1.74
Las Cruces	60.9	84	34	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.22	1.05
Roswell	60.4	85	28	0.00	0.11	0.11	0.45	1.34
Ruidoso	47.9	71	25	0.00	0.53	0.83	1.33	3.61
Tatum	57.4	84	27	0.54	0.59	0.71	0.52	1.41

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