



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 5, 2009

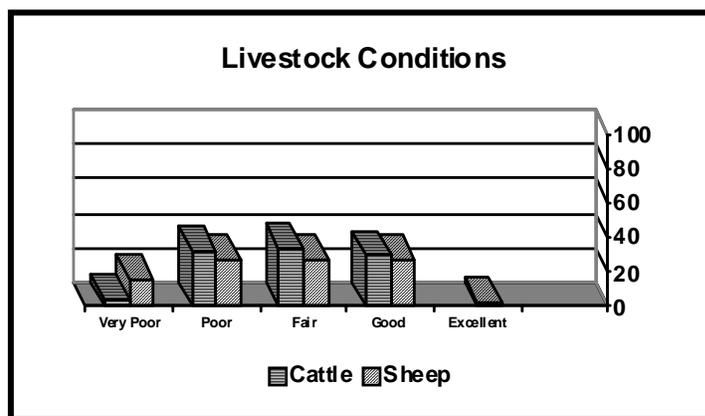
NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa condition was mostly good. Cotton was 5% planted. Sorghum was 2% planted. Winter wheat ranged from very poor to good; with 69% of the total wheat grazed. Lettuce condition was mostly good to excellent. Chile was 48% planted. Onion condition was mostly good to excellent. Cattle conditions ranged from poor to good. Sheep conditions ranged from poor to good. Range and pasture conditions were mostly poor to fair. Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.6. Topsoil moisture was 38% very short, 52% short, 7% adequate and 3% surplus. Wind damage was 34% light and 26% moderate and 3% severe. Freeze damage was 15% light, 26% moderate and 4% severe.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
COTTON	Planted	5	N/A	N/A	4
ONIONS	Planted	100	100	100	100
SORGHUM	Planted	2	N/A	N/A	N/A
WHEAT	Grazed	69	66	53	38

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	4	39	51	6
Chile	---	---	---	100	---
Lettuce	---	---	5	50	45
Onions	---	---	12	40	48
Wheat (All)	36	26	4	30	4
Cattle	4	32	34	30	---
Sheep	16	27	27	27	3
Range/Pasture	9	41	38	12	---

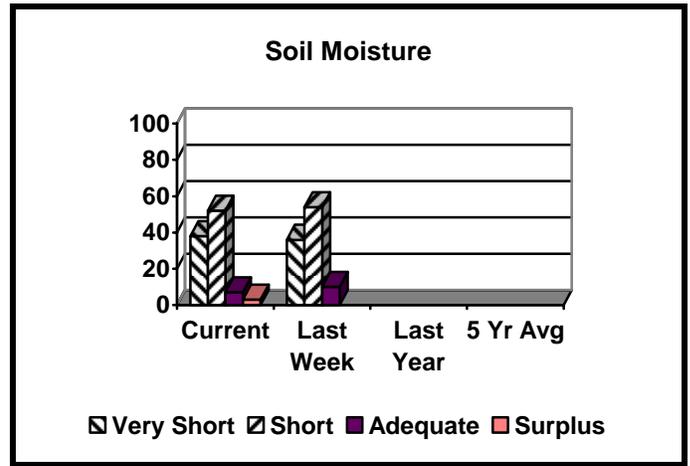


Additional Comments:

Santa Fe had extremely heavy winds Friday and Saturday (gusting 60+mph). Winds continue to contribute to current drought, high fire danger. Freezing temperatures at night through the weekend has probably destroyed much of the fruit orchards, particularly peaches and apricots. **De Baca** has been extremely windy with volatile weather conditions. Freezes overnight damaged fruit blossoms. **Guadalupe** reports that their livestock conditions are fair due to the large quantity of supplemental feeding. Stock pond water is dropping quickly. **Union** lost some 500 head of new arrived 300 stoker cattle and some 100 head of new born calves along with about 100 head of older cows during a blizzard week before last. This also hurt feedlots with weight gains and some death losses. This week, high winds caused some crop damage and hindered field work. **Catron/Socorro** had very dry conditions. High winds and low night time temps were experienced this week. **Sierra** was sucking up any moisture from plant by the windy weather. Range grasses are starting to show signs of green up. **Chaves** has been cold and windy all the week. **Eddy** has been affected by high winds. **Lea** has been very dry with high winds. Ranchers were branding livestock and farmers were planting chile.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	35	40	15	10
Northeast	43	56	1	---
Southwest	20	80	---	---
Southeast	55	36	9	---
State Current	38	52	7	3
State-Last Week	36	54	10	---
State-Last Year	---	---	---	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	---	---	---	---



WEATHER SUMMARY

A series of upper level storm systems impacted New Mexico last week bringing very windy conditions to the state. Precipitation amounts of less than 0.15 were reported across northern, eastern, and western New Mexico with the exception of Chama which reported 0.48 in.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – MARCH 30 – APRIL 5, 2009

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 30-Mar- 05 Apr	Month 01-Apr- 05 Apr	Accum. 01-Jan- 05 Apr	Normal Apr	Normal Jan-Apr
Northwest								
Albuquerque	47.2	74	28	0.00	0.00	0.31	0.52	1.96
Chama	30.9	55	7	0.48	0.45	2.70	1.27	6.61
Farmington	38.8	67	20	0.09	0.06	1.51	0.51	2.48
Gallup	34.9	61	10	0.08	0.04	1.76	0.64	3.23
Grants	38.0	66	13	0.13	0.11	1.25	0.45	1.95
Johnson Ranch	34.6	65	13	0.00	0.00	0.21	0.49	2.47
Los Alamos	37.6	60	19	0.00	0.00	0.58	1.00	3.88
Red River	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.68	5.75
Santa Fe	38.9	66	17	0.00	0.00	0.66	0.81	2.87
Northeast								
Capulin	35.9	68	10	0.16	0.16	2.26	1.01	2.86
Clayton	43.0	77	18	0.00	0.00	1.18	0.94	2.04
Clovis	48.0	78	16	0.06	0.06	0.40	0.81	2.30
Las Vegas	37.7	66	14	0.00	0.00	0.24	0.83	2.54
Moriarty	41.1	69	23	0.01	0.01	0.27	0.66	2.10
Raton	39.5	71	12	0.03	0.02	0.77	1.06	2.90
Roy	42.9	71	19	0.01	0.01	0.34	0.82	2.14
Tucumcari	47.9	80	24	0.12	0.12	1.34	0.87	2.00
Southwest								
Animas	57.0	75	37	0.00	0.00	0.91	0.20	1.86
Deming	54.0	78	30	0.00	0.00	0.58	0.18	1.54
Gran Quivira	43.9	67	21	0.00	0.00	0.55	0.64	2.88
Quemado	39.6	64	20	0.08	0.00	1.18	0.60	2.95
Socorro	50.1	77	30	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.36	1.41
T or C	53.4	76	35	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.22	1.40
Southeast								
Alamogordo	54.5	78	33	0.04	0.00	2.31	0.26	1.93
Carlsbad	60.0	85	34	0.00	0.00	0.21	0.49	1.49
Carrizozo	46.8	67	27	0.00	0.00	0.80	0.36	2.10
Las Cruces	55.4	80	35	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.21	1.26
Roswell	53.0	83	30	0.00	0.00	0.19	0.65	1.99
Ruidoso	47.2	63	24	0.00	0.00	0.84	0.63	4.24
Tatum	52.4	80	26	0.00	0.00	0.71	0.64	2.05

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