



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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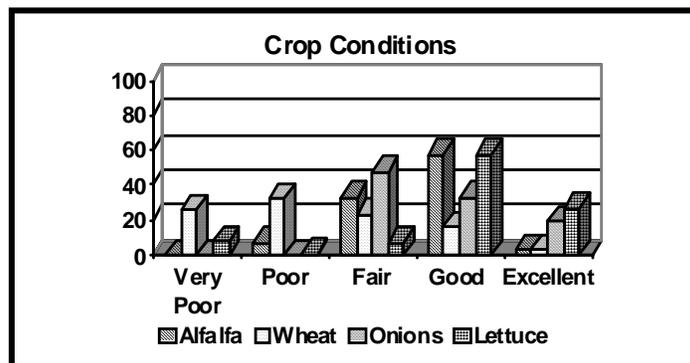
CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 26, 2009

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa condition was mostly good. Cotton was mostly good with 30% planted. Corn condition was mostly good with 33% planted. Sorghum was 16% planted. Winter wheat condition ranged from very poor to good; with 13% headed. Lettuce condition was mostly good to excellent. Onion condition was mostly good to fair. Chile was mostly fair to good with 76% planted. Apples are 60%

blooming. Cattle conditions ranged from poor to good. Sheep conditions ranged from very poor to fair. Range and pasture conditions were mostly fair to poor. There were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 39% very short, 48% short and 13% adequate. Wind damage was 25% light, 8% moderate and 4% severe. Freeze damage was 8% light.

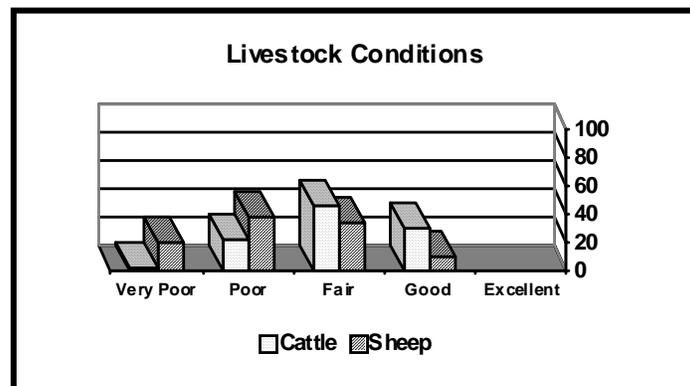
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Chile	Planted	76	75	84	88
Cotton	Planted	30	8	24	40
Corn	Planted	33	16	38	35
Sorghum	Planted	6	5	N/A	N/A
Wheat	Headed	13	5	13	11
Wheat	Grazed	69	68	N/A	N/A



CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	7	33	57	3
Chile	---	---	44	42	14
Cotton	---	---	20	80	--
Corn	---	---	42	53	5
Lettuce	8	1	7	57	27
Onions	---	---	48	33	19
Pecans	---	---	23	55	22
Wheat (All)	26	32	23	16	3
Cattle	2	22	47	29	---
Sheep	20	37	33	10	---
Range/Pasture	13	36	47	4	---



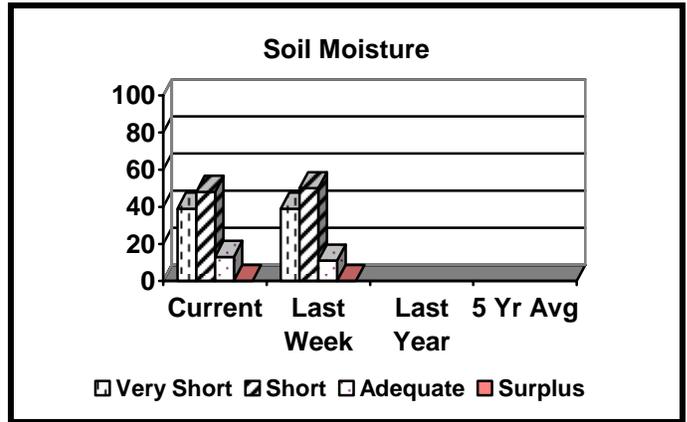
County Reporter Comments:

Guadalupe ranchers were continuing to supplemental feed. Ranch activities in the county include branding, hauling water, fixing windmills and working on conservation projects. Farmers are busy getting gardens ready and irrigating hay fields. **Roosevelt** ranchers were supplementing feed. Alfalfa was showing significant onset pressure. **Doña Ana** was irrigating crops. Corn was still

being planted. The fields have been prepared for melon planting. Some onion fields were starting to get harvested. **De Baca** has been irrigating crops. Ranchers were branding calves and cutting wheat for baling. Excessively dry. About 20% of the winter wheat crop had freeze damaged.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	43	38	19	---
Northeast	35	54	11	---
Southwest	33	67	---	---
Southeast	45	36	19	---
State Current	39	48	13	---
State-Last Week	39	50	11	---
State-Last Year	---	---	---	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	---	---	---	---



WEATHER SUMMARY

Mostly sunny skies and above normal temperatures prevailed across New Mexico through midweek under a ridge of high pressure aloft. On Thursday a few showers and thunderstorms developed across Southeast and South-

central New Mexico with minimal amounts of precipitation reported. An upper level storm system brought windy conditions to the state late in the week and into the weekend.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - APRIL 20 - APRIL 26, 2009

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 20-Apr- 26 Apr	Month 01-Apr- 26 Apr	Accum. 01-Jan- 26- Apr	Normal Apr	Normal Jan-Apr
Northwest								
Albuquerque	63.6	82	41	0	0.34	0.65	0.52	1.96
Chama	46.5	70	21	0	1.74	3.99	1.27	6.61
Farmington	56.7	78	31	0	0.15	1.60	0.51	2.48
Gallup	54.0	79	24	0	0.53	2.25	0.64	3.23
Grants	51.7	80	25	0	0.32	1.46	0.45	1.95
Johnson Ranch	52.4	76	26	0	0.30	0.51	0.49	2.47
Los Alamos	57.0	74	38	0	0.65	1.23	1.00	3.88
Red River	0.0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	1.68	5.75
Santa Fe	54.1	78	31	0	0.60	1.26	0.81	2.87
Northeast								
Capulin	0.0	0	0	0	0.73	2.83	1.01	2.86
Clayton	61.9	85	37	0	0.62	1.80	0.94	2.04
Clovis	65.6	87	36	0	0.45	0.79	0.81	2.30
Las Vegas	55.7	76	29	0	0.65	0.89	0.83	2.54
Moriarty	55.1	79	27	0	0.62	0.88	0.66	2.10
Raton	57.6	81	29	0	0.40	1.15	1.06	2.90
Roy	59.9	81	33	0	0.20	0.53	0.82	2.14
Tucumcari	66.3	90	39	0	0.64	1.86	0.87	2.00
Southwest								
Animas	67.5	88	45	0	0.00	0.91	0.20	1.86
Deming	65.7	89	42	0	0.00	0.58	0.18	1.54
Gran Quivira	59.8	80	36	0	0.40	0.95	0.64	2.88
Quemado	50.4	75	24	0	0.18	1.36	0.60	2.95
Socorro	0.0	0	0	0	0.23	0.37	0.36	1.41
T or C	67.1	86	44	0	0.08	0.28	0.22	1.40
Southeast								
Alamogordo	67.3	90	41	0	0.13	2.44	0.26	1.93
Carlsbad	71.6	97	44	0	0.00	0.21	0.49	1.49
Carrizozo	60.7	80	34	0	0.12	0.92	0.36	2.10
Las Cruces	66.5	88	45	0	0.02	0.05	0.21	1.26
Roswell	64.9	90	40	0	0.00	0.19	0.65	1.99
Ruidoso	55.6	82	28	0	0.18	1.02	0.63	4.24
Tatum	65.4	91	36	0	0.63	1.34	0.64	2.05

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