



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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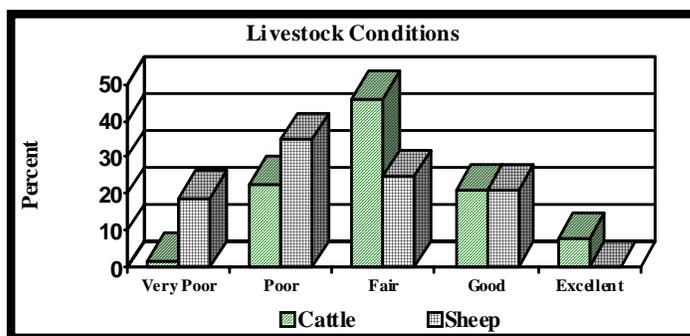
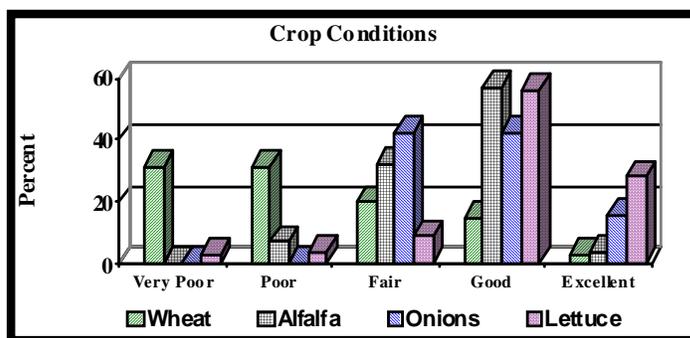
CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 17, 2009

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa was mostly good with 67 percent of the first cutting complete and 5 percent of the second cutting complete. Cotton was mostly fair to good with 80 percent planted. Corn condition was mostly good with 62 percent planted and 26 percent emerged. Sorghum was 13 percent planted. Winter wheat condition was mostly very poor to fair with 84 percent headed. Lettuce was mostly good with 78 percent harvested. Chile was mostly fair to good with 93 percent planted. Onion condition was mostly fair to good. Apple condition was mostly fair with 50 percent light fruit set and 50 percent average fruit set.

Pecans were mostly good with 20 percent light nut set, 70 percent average nut set and 10 percent heavy nut set. Cattle conditions ranged from poor to good. Sheep conditions were mostly poor to good. Range and pasture conditions ranged from very poor to fair. There were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 49 percent very short, 43 percent short and 8 percent adequate. Wind damage was 24 percent light and 4 percent moderate.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Chile	Planted	93	92	99	100
Cotton	Planted	80	77	80	82
Corn	Planted	62	61	77	81
Corn	Emerged	26	4	44	48
Lettuce	Harvested	78	14	N/A	49
Peanuts	Planted	20	N/A	29	32
Sorghum	Planted	13	8	9	8
Wheat	Headed	84	74	85	86



CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

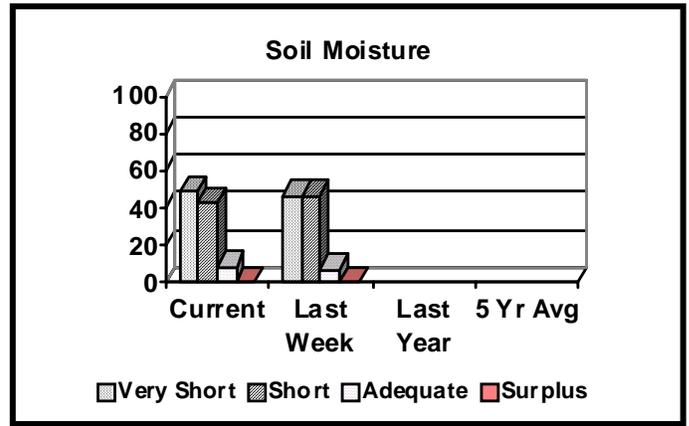
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	7	32	57	4
Chile	---	---	48	39	13
Cotton	---	---	47	40	13
Corn	---	---	38	58	4
Lettuce	4	4	10	58	24
Onions	---	---	42	42	16
Pecans	---	---	22	59	19
Wheat (All)	31	31	20	15	3
Cattle	2	23	46	21	8
Sheep	19	35	25	21	---
Range/Pasture	21	44	30	5	---

County Reporter Comments:

Guadalupe Livestock Conditions are good due to the heavy supplemental feeding. Pastures are in need of rains. Ranchers have begun to haul water and working on their windmills, pipelines, and storages. Farmers are busy irrigating and finishing their plantings. Many are working on their irrigating systems and conservation practices. Daytime temperatures have been pretty hot in the high 90's and winds which just dry up everything even more. **Catron/Socorro** were very dry and hot. **Chaves** Range has lots of grass, but has very little nutrient value. **Dona Ana** Due to the price of lettuce the rest of lettuce will not be harvested but tilled under for organic. Rangeland is looking dry due to no rain since October 08. Onion should be harvested in a couple of weeks.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	20	78	2	---
Northeast	52	46	2	---
Southwest	49	40	11	---
Southeast	60	24	16	---
State Current	49	43	8	---
State-Last Week	47	46	7	---
State-Last Year	---	---	---	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	---	---	---	---



WEATHER SUMMARY

A back door cold front moved into the northeast plains Sunday night and into Monday bringing cooler temperatures and a few light showers. Another cold front brought strong east canyon winds into the middle and upper Rio Grande Valley Friday night and into Saturday with a few showers and isolated thunderstorms in the northern mountains and east-central plains.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – MAY 11 - 17, 2009

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 11-May- 17-May	Month 01-May- 17-May	Accum. 01-Jan- 17-May	Normal May	Normal Jan-May
Northwest								
Albuquerque	70.6	90	51	0.00	0.05	0.70	0.50	2.46
Chama	53.2	76	30	0.00	0.38	4.37	1.11	7.72
Farmington	66.4	86	48	0.00	0.39	1.99	0.67	3.15
Gallup	64.8	85	46	0.00	0.00	2.25	0.51	3.74
Grants	64.3	89	37	0.00	0.00	1.46	0.53	2.48
Johnson Ranch	60.1	84	36	0.00	0.00	0.51	0.62	3.09
Los Alamos	61.1	80	41	0.00	0.01	1.24	1.17	5.05
Red River	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.77	7.52
Santa Fe	64.4	88	40	0.00	0.04	1.30	1.22	4.09
Northeast								
Capulin	56.2	81	36	0.00	0.00	2.83	2.30	5.16
Clayton	64.1	93	44	0.00	0.02	1.83	1.99	4.03
Clovis	63.8	93	44	0.01	0.01	0.80	1.87	4.17
Las Vegas	59.0	83	38	0.05	0.05	0.94	1.82	4.36
Moriarty	60.9	85	34	0.00	0.04	0.92	0.97	3.07
Raton	60.1	88	37	0.01	0.18	1.33	2.27	5.17
Roy	62.2	89	41	0.12	0.12	0.75	1.84	3.98
Tucumcari	68.6	99	42	0.03	0.11	1.97	1.49	3.49
Southwest								
Animas	75.4	96	54	0.00	0.00	0.91	0.18	2.04
Deming	72.6	97	50	0.00	0.00	0.58	0.19	1.73
Gran Quivira	66.1	88	40	0.00	0.00	0.95	0.82	3.70
Quemado	57.8	84	32	0.00	0.00	1.36	0.50	3.45
Socorro	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.37	0.52	1.93
T or C	73.6	93	51	0.00	0.00	0.28	0.49	1.89
Southeast								
Alamogordo	74.2	95	53	0.00	0.28	2.72	0.45	2.38
Carlsbad	73.2	102	54	0.00	0.00	0.21	1.16	2.65
Carrizozo	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.92	0.62	2.72
Las Cruces	74.1	95	54	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.29	1.55
Roswell	68.4	96	52	0.09	0.06	0.25	1.24	3.23
Ruidoso	60.1	81	40	0.04	0.04	1.06	0.87	5.11
Tatum	68.7	95	48	0.01	0.19	1.53	2.09	4.14

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