



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 18, 2009

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good with 95 percent of the fifth cutting complete, 64 percent of the sixth cutting completed and 24 percent of the seventh cutting completed. Cotton conditions ranged from fair to excellent with 100 percent setting bolls, 84 percent bolls opening and 15 percent harvested. Corn conditions were mostly good with 92 percent dent, 67 percent mature and 31 percent of the grain harvested. Irrigated sorghum conditions were mostly good with 46 percent mature and 4 percent harvested for grain. Dry sorghum conditions were mostly poor with 95 percent coloring, 36 percent mature and 15 percent harvested for grain. Irrigated winter wheat conditions were mostly good with 89 percent emerged.

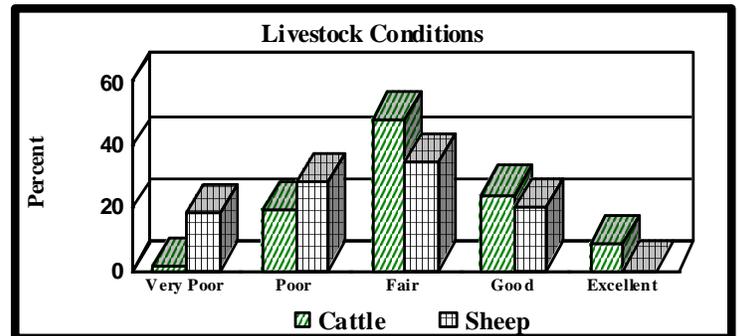
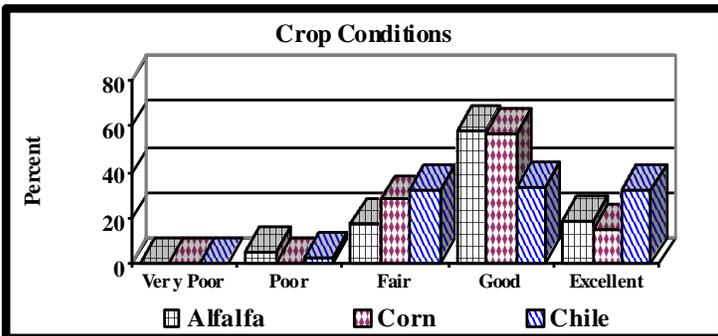
Dry winter wheat conditions were mostly fair. Peanut conditions were mostly fair with 39 percent harvested. Chile conditions ranged from fair to excellent with 99 percent of the green chile harvested, and 29 percent of the red chile harvested. Apple conditions were mostly fair with 65 percent harvested. Pecan conditions ranged from fair to excellent. Cattle conditions were mostly fair to good. Sheep conditions ranged from very poor to good. Range and pasture conditions were mostly fair to poor. There were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 26 percent very short, 43 percent short and 31 percent adequate. Wind damage was 2 percent light and 1 percent moderate.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	5 th Cutting	93	93	92	98
Alfalfa	6 th Cutting	64	44	32	62
Alfalfa	7 th Cutting	24	12	---	20
Chile green	Harvested	100	99	100	99
Chile red	Harvested	29	28	37	39
Cotton	Open Bolls	84	72	83	89
Cotton	Harvested	15	5	6	7
Corn	Dent	92	89	100	100
Corn	Mature	67	61	98	99
Corn	Harvested	31	11	24	49
Peanuts	Harvested	39	9	44	35
Sorghum	Mature	40	24	29	32
Sorghum	Harvested	11	2	2	7
Sorghum	Turn/Color	97	92	77	82

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	5	18	58	19
Chile	---	3	32	33	32
Cotton	---	4	37	31	28
Corn	---	---	28	57	15
Peanuts	---	---	100	---	---
Pecans	1	1	24	34	40
Sorghum	2	36	39	22	1
Cattle	1	19	48	24	8
Sheep	18	28	34	20	---
Range/Pasture	13	35	38	14	---



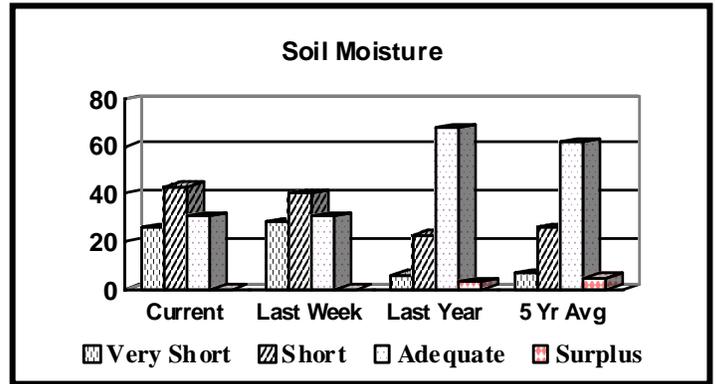
County Reporter Comments:

Santa Fe noticeable losses on Apples since CED last reported due to high winds. Majority of Alfalfa producers finished for crop year. Majority of Corn Silage appears harvested. Most cattle producers in better shape than expected going into winter (as far as weights and grass production). **Guadalupe** ranchers were gathering and preparing to ship and market their steer calves and culling their herds. Farmers were completing harvest of their crops. Also, were cutting their last hay. No moisture this

week. The weather has really warmed up; daytime temperatures were in the high 70's and 80's. **Quay** had some cooler temperatures, no precipitation this week, some wind. Conditions have slowed in harvesting hay. Last week of farmer's market. Range conditions are very dry, some grass in areas that received rain such as the Quay Valley and small areas on the cap rock area. Wheat is all planted but most has not yet germinated

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	27	41	32	---
Northeast	19	50	31	---
Southwest	80	20	---	---
Southeast	11	46	43	---
State Current	26	43	31	---
State-Last Week	28	40	31	1
State-Last Year	6	23	68	3
State-5-Yr Avg.	7	26	62	5



WEATHER SUMMARY

A weak cold front moved through New Mexico on Tuesday bringing light rain showers and cooler temperatures to the Northeast Plains. For the rest of the week, warm temperatures

and clear skies returned to New Mexico. All across New Mexico had above normal temperatures, and the north of the state received the most rainfall during the week.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – OCTOBER 12 - 18, 2009

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week	Month	Accum.	Normal	Normal
				12 Oct 18 Oct	01 Oct 18 Oct	01 Jan 18 Oct	Oct	Jan-Oct
Northwest								
Albuquerque	63.6	79	47	0.00	0.21	5.19	0.89	7.95
Chama	46.3	70	20	0.21	0.50	14.61	1.96	18.09
Farmington	57.4	80	36	0.14	0.32	3.62	0.85	7.18
Gallup	54.9	78	29	0.00	0.07	7.20	1.29	10.96
Grants	52.8	76	23	0.05	0.16	8.26	1.05	9.56
Johnson Ranch	53.3	76	31	0.00	0.00	3.26	1.11	10.16
Los Alamos	56.0	76	36	0.70	0.92	9.11	1.32	16.62
Red River	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.46	18.15
Santa Fe	57.1	76	34	0.00	0.32	8.87	1.04	12.58
Northeast								
Capulin	58.0	82	34	0.00	0.22	12.66	0.97	16.27
Clayton	60.3	87	41	0.14	0.28	10.14	0.90	14.28
Clovis	62.1	86	39	0.00	0.02	6.33	1.34	16.24
Las Vegas	54.1	79	35	0.03	0.23	9.98	1.51	17.78
Moriarty	55.5	76	32	0.00	0.07	7.36	1.10	11.77
Raton	56.4	83	28	0.16	0.35	9.90	0.97	15.61
Roy	55.8	82	34	0.00	0.25	7.50	1.05	14.79
Tucumcari	61.6	87	28	0.01	0.19	8.06	0.94	13.39
Southwest								
Animas	68.1	84	53	0.00	0.50	4.39	1.15	9.91
Deming	67.7	87	47	0.00	0.57	6.45	0.98	9.09
Gran Quivira	59.1	76	38	0.00	0.05	9.76	1.27	14.01
Quemado	53.3	76	28	0.00	0.24	8.77	1.18	12.59
Socorro	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	1.17	1.11	8.48
T or C	66.5	84	48	0.00	0.02	5.90	0.95	8.62
Southeast								
Alamogordo	66.9	85	44	0.00	0.12	10.74	1.30	11.21
Carlsbad	67.9	93	45	0.00	0.03	6.97	1.05	11.79
Carrizozo	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.04	3.71	1.19	11.31
Las Cruces	67.8	86	46	0.00	0.28	5.44	0.91	8.19
Roswell	61.5	85	40	0.00	0.12	7.25	1.19	11.83
Ruidoso	55.4	78	34	0.05	0.14	15.76	1.31	18.84
Tatum	62.4	86	38	0.01	0.91	13.11	1.49	15.02

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