



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 8, 2009

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good to fair with 95 percent of the sixth cutting completed and 61 percent of the seventh cutting completed. Cotton conditions were mostly fair to good with 99 percent bolls opening and 51 percent harvested. Corn conditions were mostly good with 99 percent mature and 78 percent of the grain harvested. Irrigated sorghum conditions were mostly good to fair with 100 percent mature and 41 percent harvested for grain. Dry sorghum conditions ranged from very poor to fair with 88 percent mature and 37 percent harvested for grain. Irrigated winter wheat conditions were mostly good with 97 percent emerged. Dry winter wheat conditions were mostly good. Peanut conditions were mostly fair with 73 percent harvested.

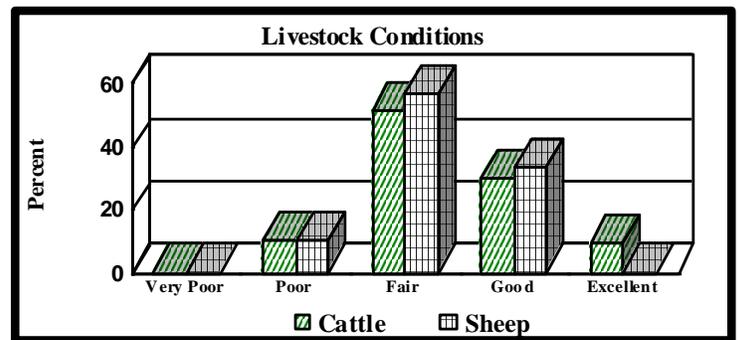
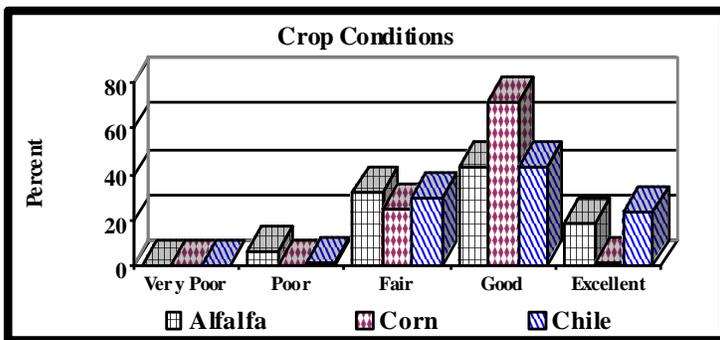
Chile conditions ranged from fair to excellent with 66 percent of the red chile harvested. Pecan conditions were mostly good. Cattle conditions were mostly fair. Sheep conditions were mostly fair. Range and pasture conditions were mostly fair to poor. There were 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 19 percent very short, 39 percent short and 42 percent adequate. Wind damage was 7 percent light. Freeze damage was 19 percent light, 6 percent moderate with 3 percent of winter wheat crops damaged by freeze.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	6 th Cutting	95	90	68	90
Alfalfa	7 th Cutting	61	60	---	38
Chile red	Harvested	66	51	92	72
Cotton	Open Bolls	99	97	96	99
Cotton	Harvested	51	36	28	40
Corn	Mature	99	95	100	100
Corn	Harvested	78	58	79	85
Peanuts	Harvested	73	65	89	86
Sorghum	Mature	92	76	80	78
Sorghum	Harvested	38	22	16	32

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	6	32	43	19
Chile	1	2	30	43	24
Cotton	---	2	40	40	18
Corn	1	---	25	72	2
Peanuts	---	---	100	---	---
Pecans	---	---	24	54	22
Sorghum	13	24	44	17	2
Cattle	---	10	51	30	9
Sheep	---	10	57	33	---
Range/Pasture	6	31	49	14	---



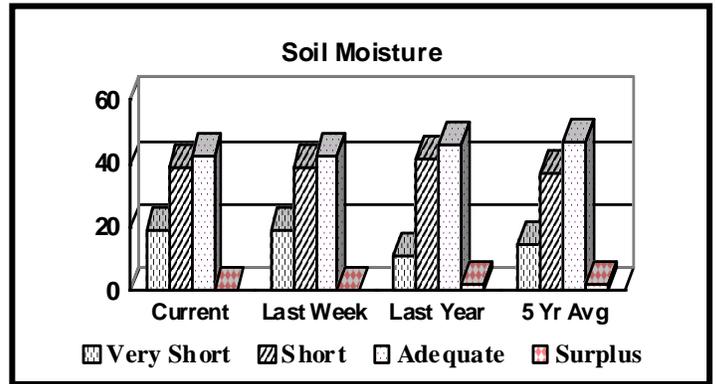
County Reporter Comments:

De Baca ranchers were weaning and shipping calves. Alfalfa Clip completed. **Guadalupe** ranchers were marketing their calves and culling their herds. Many have been forced to reduce their herds due to low grazing grass yields or native grass. Ranchers were contracting their winter feed, both hay and cubes. Farmers were irrigating their winter wheat.

Union corn harvested remains behind normal. **Doña Ana** cotton and red chile harvested was the big operation in the valley. Pecans were just starting to open. Lettuce and onion were being planted. **Lea** ranchers were weaning calves

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	---	45	55	---
Northeast	21	32	47	---
Southwest	50	50	---	---
Southeast	19	42	39	---
State Current	19	39	42	---
State-Last Week	19	39	42	---
State-Last Year	11	41	46	2
State-5-Yr Avg.	14	37	47	2



WEATHER SUMMARY

Temperatures this week remained well above normal across the state. Northern New Mexico saw temperatures ranging from 6 to 15 degrees above normal. While southern New Mexico temperatures were 7 to 12 degrees above normal, except for Roswell which was at its normal. The average temperature for

Southern New Mexico was in the 50's and low 60's, the northern part of the state's average temperatures were in the low 50's to the mid to upper 40's. No precipitation was recorded across the state this week.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – NOVEMBER 2 - 8, 2009

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week	Month	Accum.	Normal	Normal
				02 Nov 08 Nov	01 Nov 08 Nov	01 Jan 08 Nov	Nov	Jan-Nov
Northwest								
Albuquerque	55.9	72	41	0.00	0.00	6.49	0.43	8.38
Chama	44.4	70	21	0.00	0.00	15.79	1.72	19.81
Farmington	53.2	72	34	0.00	0.00	3.89	0.94	8.12
Gallup	47.6	75	21	0.00	0.00	7.65	0.95	11.91
Grants	47.1	72	20	0.00	0.00	8.69	0.58	10.14
Johnson Ranch	46.5	71	21	0.00	0.00	3.43	0.69	10.85
Los Alamos	50.1	68	32	0.00	0.00	9.52	1.02	17.64
Red River	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.18	19.33
Santa Fe	49.7	71	27	0.00	0.00	10.16	0.63	13.21
Northeast								
Capulin	50.9	75	24	0.00	0.00	14.05	0.67	16.94
Clayton	57.7	82	36	0.00	0.00	11.81	0.52	14.80
Clovis	56.4	79	38	0.00	0.00	7.23	0.73	16.97
Las Vegas	51.4	73	29	0.00	0.00	10.76	0.58	18.36
Moriarty	47.7	72	23	0.00	0.00	8.93	0.40	12.17
Raton	52.0	77	28	0.00	0.00	10.42	0.61	16.22
Roy	53.0	75	32	0.00	0.00	8.71	0.50	15.29
Tucumcari	59.0	84	33	0.00	0.00	9.73	0.51	13.90
Southwest								
Animas	61.1	79	38	0.00	0.00	4.84	0.71	10.62
Deming	59.0	79	35	0.00	0.00	6.78	0.64	9.73
Gran Quivira	54.1	73	30	0.00	0.00	12.26	0.91	14.92
Quemado	48.6	74	21	0.00	0.00	9.10	0.45	13.04
Socorro	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	1.17	0.47	8.95
T or C	58.4	78	40	0.00	0.00	6.15	0.60	9.22
Southeast								
Alamogordo	56.1	78	34	0.00	0.00	11.94	0.71	11.92
Carlsbad	58.6	85	37	0.00	0.00	8.14	0.59	12.38
Carrizozo	55.9	74	39	0.00	0.00	3.71	0.76	12.07
Las Cruces	58.2	79	37	0.00	0.00	5.82	0.53	8.72
Roswell	51.3	80	26	0.00	0.00	7.98	0.55	12.38
Ruidoso	51.6	74	29	0.00	0.00	15.81	0.88	19.72
Tatum	55.2	81	32	0.00	0.00	14.34	0.55	15.57

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