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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER, 2009

NEW MEXICO: First week of December: The story of the week was cold temperatures. New Mexico was below normal across the board with some areas in the double digits below normal. The majority of reporting stations saw average temperatures below freezing. Many reporting stations reported precipitation, mainly in the form of snow. **Second week of December:** Temperatures across the northern and central section of the state were below normal with the southern portion of New Mexico near or slightly above normal. Moisture was recorded across most of the state in a mixture of snow and rain. **Third week of December:** A few showers were reported across the northwest and south central portions of New Mexico early in the week. Precipitation amounts were generally less than a tenth of an inch. Dry conditions returned to the state on Tuesday and continued through the weekend. Temperatures were a few degrees below normal in the northwest quarter of New Mexico, and near to a few degrees above normal in the remainder of the state. **Last week of December:** Temperatures averaged well below normal across the state this week. Some areas were double digits below normal. A system earlier in the week brought moisture to much of the state in the form of snow or a rain snow mix.

WEATHER SUMMARY

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – DECEMBER 2009

Station	Temperature			Precipitation		Station	Temperature			Precipitation	
	Mean	Max	Min	Dec	Jan-Dec		Mean	Max	Min	Dec	Jan-Dec
Northwest						Northeast					
Albuquerque	34.0	56	12	0.50	8.88	Capulin	26.0	65	-13	0.48	17.42
Chama	17.5	49	-14	1.80	21.61	Clayton	35.0	70	0	0.29	15.09
Farmington	26.0	51	1	0.50	8.62	Clovis	34.0	62	6	0.54	17.51
Gallup	26.0	52	0	0.96	12.87	Las Vegas	24.5	55	-6	0.68	19.04
Grants	22.0	55	-11	0.66	10.80	Moriarty	24.5	55	-6	0.54	12.71
Johnson Ranch	18.0	49	-13	0.67	11.52	Raton	30.5	65	-4	0.58	16.80
Los Alamos	24.5	48	1	1.08	18.72	Roy	30.0	61	-1	0.45	15.74
Red River	-	-	-	1.16	20.49	Tucumcari	32.5	66	-1	0.27	14.17
Santa Fe	29.5	54	5	0.77	13.98	Southeast					
Southwest						Alamogordo	39.0	63	15	0.82	12.74
Animas	45.5	71	20	1.08	11.70	Carlsbad	42.5	73	12	0.41	12.79
Deming	39.5	62	17	0.85	10.58	Carrizozo	-	-	-	0.76	12.83
Gran Quivira	27.5	56	-1	1.10	16.02	Las Cruces	41.0	63	19	0.68	9.40
Quemado	22.5	55	-10	1.02	14.06	Roswell	39.0	69	9	0.55	12.93
Socorro	-	-	-	0.58	9.53	Ruidoso	29.5	63	-4	1.63	21.35
T or C	36.5	60	13	1.07	10.29	Tatum	40.0	67	13	0.48	16.05

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