



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 25, 2010

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good with 78 percent of the third cutting complete and 21 percent of the fourth cutting complete. Corn conditions were mostly good with 63 percent silked and 8 percent dough. Cotton conditions were mostly good with 61 percent squaring and 20 percent setting bolls. Irrigated sorghum conditions were mostly good with 8 percent headed. Dry sorghum conditions were mostly good with 3 percent headed. Apple conditions were mostly good. Chile conditions ranged from fair to excellent with 11 percent light pod set, 67 percent average pod set, 22 percent heavy pod set and 3 percent harvested. Onions were 89 percent harvested. Peanut conditions were mostly good with 55 percent pegging.

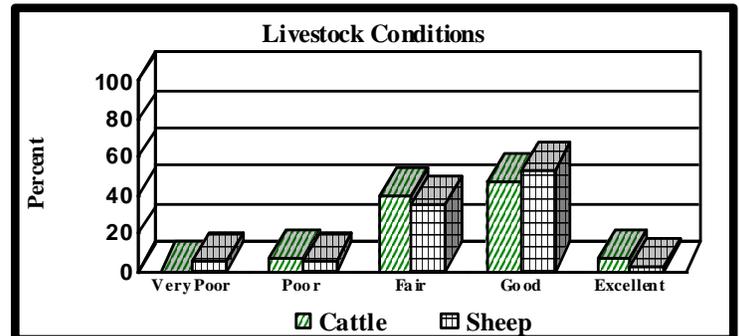
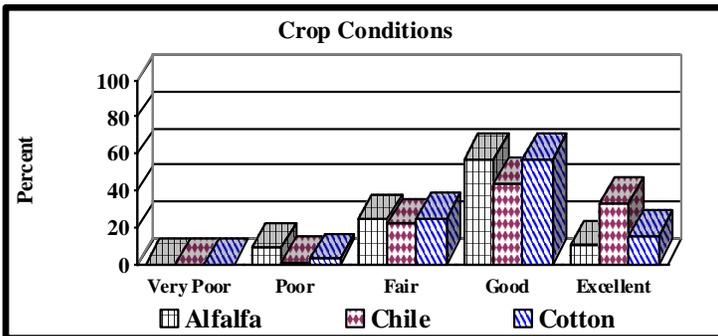
Pecan conditions were mostly good. Cattle conditions were mostly good. Sheep conditions ranged from very poor to good. Range and pasture conditions ranged from poor to good. There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 14 percent very short, 24 percent short, 52 percent adequate and 10 percent surplus. Wind damage was 21 percent light and 10 percent moderate with 5 percent cotton damaged by wind to date and 3 percent sorghum damaged by wind to date. Hail damage was 1 percent light with 6 percent cotton damaged by hail to date, 6 percent corn damaged by hail to date, 5 percent sorghum damaged by hail to date, and 2 percent peanut damaged by hail to date.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	3 rd Cutting	78	53	72	80
Alfalfa	4 th Cutting	21	---	11	22
Chile	Harvested	3	---	12	4
Corn	Silked	63	43	68	65
Corn	Dough	8	1	4	12
Cotton	Squaring	61	50	96	92
Cotton	Set bolls	20	10	47	53
Onion	Harvested	89	87	86	93
Peanut	Pegging	55	50	58	67
Sorghum	Headed	5	2	12	9

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	9	24	57	10
Chile	---	1	22	44	33
Corn	---	---	10	65	25
Cotton	---	3	25	57	15
Peanut	---	---	15	76	9
Pecans	---	4	23	47	26
Sorghum	1	1	33	65	---
Cattle	1	6	32	54	7
Sheep	18	18	20	39	5



County Reporter Comments:

De Baca Working of all cattle mostly complete, checking water on windmills. Water in the ditch has been pretty consistent for alfalfa and other crops. **Guadalupe** We had so much rain this weekend. It started raining Friday evening and rained every day since. We have probably had anywhere from 1 1/2 inches to 3 inches total in some areas. Farmers and ranchers were just enjoying the rain. Some hay growers just have not been able to get their crop off the wet fields.

Quay Temperatures were in the high 90s and 100s. No precipitation last week. Allocation of another three inches of irrigation water from conservancy district. Most crops fairing well with alfalfa coming back strong enough for a decent cutting. Sorghum was being cut and baled with poor to good stands in most of the county. Pecans were doing well. **Taos** Some scattered showers were received over the past week that helped to improve the ongoing dry conditions.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	73	22	5	---
Northeast	2	28	52	18
Southwest	10	32	58	---
Southeast	1	13	83	3
State Current	14	24	52	10
State-Last Week	19	31	48	2
State-Last Year	20	36	42	2
State-5-Yr Avg.	20	41	36	3

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	31	47	19	3	---
Northeast	1	14	35	37	13
Southwest	12	20	66	2	---
Southeast	1	7	39	50	3
State Current	6	18	37	32	7
State-Last Week	3	15	40	39	3
State-Last Year	12	28	36	21	3
State-5-Yr Avg.	11	26	36	24	3

WEATHER SUMMARY

For most of the week, showers and thunderstorms developed in the afternoon bringing less than a tenth of an inch of rain in the central mountains and southwest NM. However, during the weekend, a surge of moisture moving northward over the state allowed for numerous showers to develop. These showers also contributed to lowered temperatures for the weekend.

Temperatures were from one to four degrees above normal for most of the state with the exception of Gran Quivira, Animas and southeast NM which had a few degrees below normal. The highest amounts of rainfall reported were from Quemado, Los Alamos, Raton and Roy. The least amounts were reported at Farmington and Tatum.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - JULY 19 - 25, 2010

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week	Month	Accum.	Normal	Normal
				19 Jul 25 Jul	01 July 25 July	01 Jan 25 July	July	Jan-Jul
Northwest								
Albuquerque	79.4	102	65	0.98	1.06	3.71	1.37	4.42
Chama	65.4	90	46	1.79	2.98	10.43	2.24	11.08
Farmington	77.4	102	61	0.41	0.47	4.85	0.94	4.31
Gallup	72.9	95	59	1.48	1.73	4.97	1.91	6.10
Grants	73.6	98	57	0.92	1.24	4.27	1.76	4.79
Johnson Ranch	73.0	97	56	2.71	2.71	4.85	1.66	5.43
Los Alamos	71.8	91	55	3.26	3.66	9.39	3.25	9.66
Red River	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.01	11.93
Santa Fe	74.6	100	57	2.01	3.53	10.11	2.38	7.64
Northeast								
Capulin	71.8	96	53	0.81	2.70	9.17	3.25	10.52
Clayton	80.4	100	64	1.17	3.55	12.35	2.70	9.00
Clovis	75.6	91	64	0.55	3.01	6.42	2.56	9.57
Las Vegas	69.4	92	55	1.36	3.09	7.35	3.20	9.60
Moriarty	71.9	98	53	1.06	1.34	6.12	2.38	6.37
Raton	73.1	97	56	3.64	6.55	11.99	2.66	9.82
Roy	74.0	96	55	4.4	5.78	9.46	2.97	9.03
Tucumcari	80.6	101	65	1.03	2.12	7.80	3.30	8.57
Southwest								
Animas	75.4	94	45	0.55	1.19	4.90	2.26	4.74
Deming	80.4	105	64	1.44	1.97	6.18	2.15	4.43
Gran Quivira	69.5	90	57	2.08	4.90	9.51	2.81	7.52
Quemado	68.1	92	52	2.05	2.15	3.81	2.37	6.56
Socorro	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	1.96	1.44	3.94
T or C	80.3	102	64	1.35	1.99	4.92	1.86	4.44
Southeast								
Alamogordo	79.6	101	64	1.31	4.55	9.73	2.23	5.51
Carlsbad	78.8	94	65	1.06	5.42	10.27	1.79	5.74
Carrizozo	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.05	5.55
Las Cruces	82.9	101	64	3.34	4.15	7.09	1.36	3.63
Roswell	75.3	97	62	0.64	2.56	9.07	1.99	6.74
Ruidoso	69.1	90	55	1.8	3.86	11.56	4.02	10.99
Tatum	76.4	93	56	0.38	1.97	7.81	2.52	8.69

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