



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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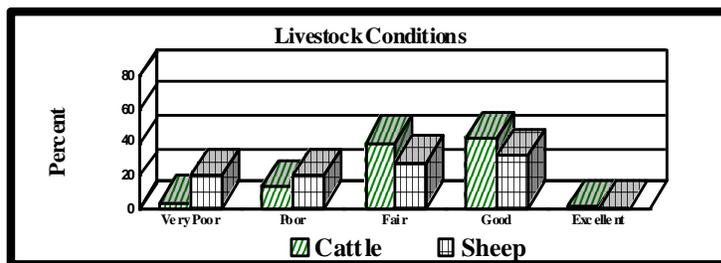
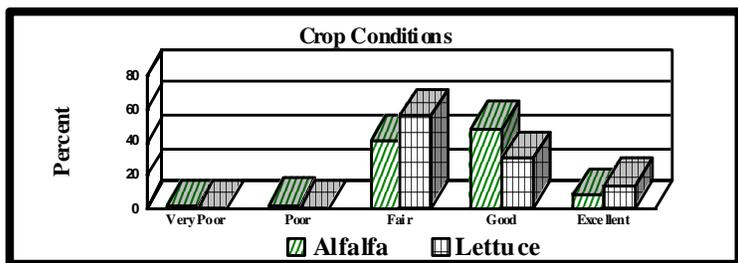
CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 10, 2011

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly fair to good. Cotton was 19% planted. Sorghum was 1% planted. Winter wheat ranged from very poor to good; with 53% of the total wheat grazed. Lettuce condition was mostly fair. Chile condition was mostly fair; with 73% planted. Onion conditions were mostly good. Cattle conditions were mostly good to fair. Sheep conditions were mostly good to fair.

Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor to fair. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.3. Topsoil moisture was 68% very short, 25% short and 7% adequate. Wind damage was 27% light, 26% moderate and 13% severe. Freeze damage was 9% light.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS					
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	1 st Cutting	--	--	1	3
Chile	Planted	73	59	56	68
Corn	Planted	1	--	--	2
Cotton	Planted	19	11	25	8
Onion	Planted	100	100	100	100
Sorghum	Planted	1	--	2	1
Winter	Grazed	53	50	40	32

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	2	4	49	42	3
Chile	--	--	100	--	--
Lettuce	--	--	56	30	14
Onion	--	3	35	62	--
Winter Wheat	45	15	22	12	6
Cattle	4	13	40	42	1
Sheep	20	20	28	32	--



COUNTY REPORTER COMMENTS:

Rio Arriba: Lots of wind all week. Low temperatures on 4/9-4/10. Some precipitation in the higher mountains. **Taos:** We have had rain and snow showers this week that have improved the dry conditions throughout the county. **Colfax:** Saturday there were 70 mph winds. Very dry and some irrigation districts may not get to run any water this year. **Curry:** Crop conditions continue to deteriorate especially on dry land fields. Windy conditions continue to hamper work especially planting and spraying. Fire hazard a major concern with wind and drought. At least 3 fires in the past week destroying at least 3,000 acres of rangeland. Livestock condition suffering with producers selling poor producers or animals requiring higher feed requirements. **De Baca:** This week has been dry and windy. Precipitation is needed badly. Irrigation water returning to ditches. Farms watching for bug problems. Calving continues and ranchers still having sick calves after the extreme February temperatures. No harvesting has begun yet. **Guadalupe:** This week has been warm and windy. Need a good rain asap! **Hidalgo:** Need moisture bad. **Chaves:** Very, very dry. **Eddy:** 172 day without any measurable moisture. Range feed dry no green. Soil temp mean was 54F.

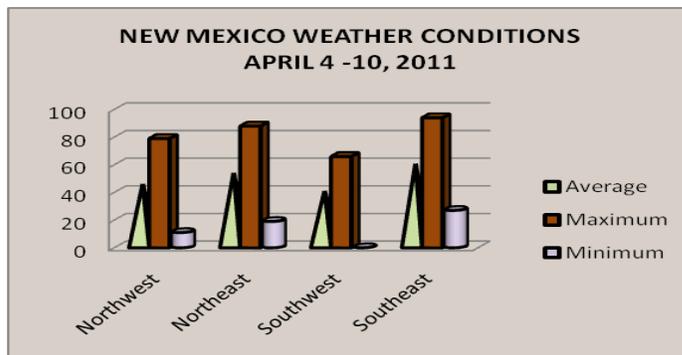
SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	25	41	33	1
Northeast	76	24	--	--
Southwest	100	--	--	--
Southeast	60	31	9	--
State Current	68	25	7	--
State-Last Week	58	34	8	--
State-Last Year	12	37	46	5
State-5-Yr Avg.	37	33	28	2

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	35	37	24	4	--
Northeast	27	41	30	2	--
Southwest	--	88	12	--	--
Southeast	22	30	39	9	--
State Current	25	39	31	5	--
State-Last Week	24	37	27	12	--
State-Last Year	6	22	45	25	2
State-5-Yr Avg.	15	27	37	20	1

WEATHER SUMMARY

A cold front moved through New Mexico early Monday bringing much colder air and some precipitation. Temperatures warmed on Tuesday as high pressure aloft returned to the state. Mostly breezy to windy conditions prevailed during the week. Temperature averages for the week were at or near normal except

in the north and northwest portions of New Mexico where they ranged from 2 to 4 degrees below normal. Some precipitation fell during the week across the north, south central and western sections of the state. Highest amounts were reported in the north and west.



NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – APRIL 4 - 10, 2011								
Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 04 Apr-10 Apr	Month 01 Apr-10 Apr	Accum. 01 Jan-10 Apr	Normal Apr	Normal Jan-Apr
Northwest								
Albuquerque	55.6	75	33	0.03	0.03	0.14	0.52	1.96
Chama	38.3	62	11	0.61	0.61	2.78	1.27	6.61
Farmington	46.5	70	22	0.04	0.04	0.48	0.51	2.48
Gallup	43.8	73	12	0.49	0.49	1.33	0.64	3.23
Grants	45.9	79	18	0.00	0.00	0.21	0.45	1.95
Johnson Ranch	42.9	71	14	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.49	2.47
Los Alamos	46.8	72	20	0.23	0.23	0.40	1.00	3.88
Red River	37.9	57	17	0.18	0.18	1.90	1.68	5.75
Santa Fe	47.0	72	23	0.22	0.22	0.45	0.81	2.87
Northeast								
Capulin	50.4	79	19	0.13	0.13	2.74	1.01	2.86
Clayton	55.5	82	27	0.03	0.03	0.22	0.94	2.04
Clovis	61.0	86	31	0.01	0.01	0.49	0.81	2.30
Las Vegas	48.6	76	19	0.00	0.00	0.28	0.83	2.54
Moriarty	48.7	75	27	0.00	0.00	0.58	0.66	2.10
Raton	47.5	76	20	0.01	0.01	0.59	1.06	2.90
Roy	54.8	79	23	0.06	0.06	0.91	0.82	2.14
Tucumcari	58.1	88	26	0.06	0.06	1.06	0.87	2.00
Southwest								
Animas	61.4	88	36	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.20	1.86
Deming	60.1	86	37	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.18	1.54
Gran Quivira	54.4	76	25	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.64	2.88
Quemado	49.7	78	18	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.60	2.95
Socorro	59.3	82	36	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.36	1.41
T or C	60.5	85	38	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.22	1.40
Southeast								
Alamogordo	61.7	84	32	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.26	1.93
Carlsbad	66.8	94	37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.49	1.49
Carrizozo	58.3	81	27	0.03	0.03	0.16	0.36	2.10
Las Cruces	62.1	85	38	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.21	1.26
Roswell	58.4	87	29	0.00	0.00	0.21	0.65	1.99
Ruidoso	53.8	76	37	0.30	0.30	0.37	0.63	4.24
Tatum	56.3	90	36	0.00	0.00	0.22	0.64	2.05

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