



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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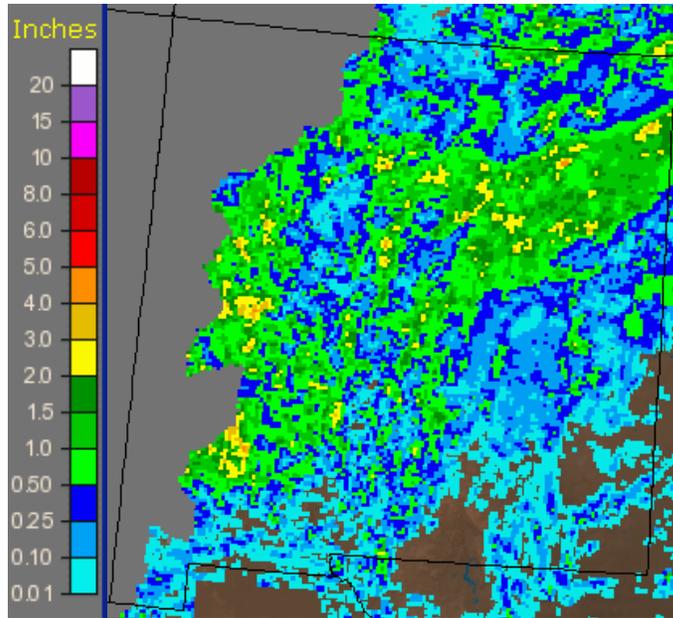
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 28, 2011

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly fair; fourth cutting 90% complete; fifth cutting 34% complete. Corn was mostly fair; 96% silked; 50% dough; 25% dent. Cotton was mostly poor to fair; 70% setting bolls; 17% bolls opening. Sorghum was mostly very poor to fair; 59% headed; 15% turning color. Peanuts were mostly fair; 80% pegging. Lettuce was 60% planted. Chile was mostly fair to good; 51% green harvested. Onions 100% harvested. Pecan conditions were mostly fair to good. Apples were mostly fair. Cattle conditions were mostly fair to poor. Sheep conditions were mostly poor to very poor. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.9. Topsoil moisture was 65% very short, 32% short and 3% adequate. Wind damage was 21% light and 4% moderate; 6% wind damage to cotton to date and 4% wind damage to sorghum to date.

Seven Day Observed Precipitation August 29, 2011



CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS					
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	4 th Cutting	90	85	79	82
Alfalfa	5 th Cutting	34	33	25	34
Chile	Harvested	51	31	40	52
Corn	Silking	96	94	100	100
Corn	Dough	50	39	60	78
Corn	Dent	25	20	35	42
Cotton	Set Bolls	70	65	65	87
Cotton	Opening	17	6	14	14
Lettuce	Planted	60	50	49	65
Onion	Harvested	100	94	99	99
Peanut	Pegging	80	75	85	92
Sorghum	Headed	59	41	70	66

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	49	46	4	1
Northeast	67	26	7	-
Southwest	71	29	-	-
Southeast	67	32	1	-
State Current	65	32	3	-
State-Last Week	55	34	11	-
State-Last Year	4	25	63	8
State-5-Yr Avg.	10	34	50	6

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	12	8	44	29	7
Chile	-	3	49	40	8
Corn	3	16	51	26	4
Cotton	17	36	26	15	6
Peanut	-	14	80	6	-
Pecan	1	2	46	46	5
Sorghum	40	23	32	5	-
Cattle	18	33	34	13	2
Sheep	32	45	22	1	-

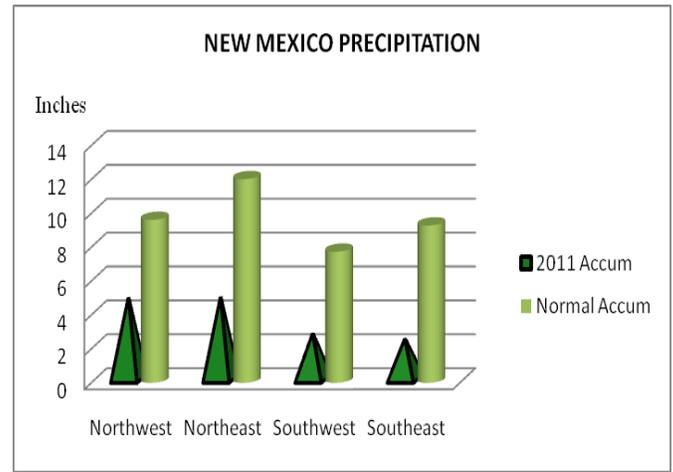
Additional: Curry: Crop and livestock conditions continue to deteriorate with dry, hot weather and only spotty rainfall over the entire area. Many wheat fields remain untouched from last spring. Very little field activity and farmers and cattlemen beginning to doubt the availability of wheat for pasture or harvest in the coming season. Ranchers continue herd reductions and early marketing's of calves in an effort to hold on to at least

part of their cow herds. **Luna/Grant:** Although there has been some moisture, it is minimal and has not come soon enough to sustain the livestock through the winter and early spring months. Several ranchers have had to sell part of their cattle in order to be able to maintain the remainder. **Eddy:** 314 days since last real rain. 71 days greater than 100F. No green feed.

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	50	42	4	2	2
Northeast	49	27	14	7	3
Southwest	74	22	4	-	-
Southeast	65	23	12	-	-
State Current	59	28	10	2	1
State-Last Week	49	35	13	2	1
State-Last Year	4	9	32	44	11
State-5-Yr Avg.	6	16	36	33	9

WEATHER SUMMARY

This week temperatures statewide were well above normal. Average temperatures in the NW corner of the state were in the seventies, staying around 5 degrees above normal. Average temperatures in SW New Mexico were in the eighties, ranging from 5 to 10 degrees above normal. Average temperatures in the NE corner were variable ranging from the low to mid seventies to the mid eighties. These temperatures were around 7 to 10 degrees above normal. SE New Mexico average temperatures were in the low to mid eighties ranging anywhere from 3 to 10 degrees above normal.



Central portions of the state saw average temperatures in the mid seventies up to the low eighties; this was 6 to 9 degrees above normal. Multiple areas received much needed rainfall this week. Some totals: Chama 1.84 inches, Grants 0.28 inches, Las Vegas 0.52 inches, Albuquerque 0.38 inches, Quemado 0.34 inches and Tucumcari with 0.22 inches

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – August 22 – August 28, 2011									
Station	Temperature			Precipitation					
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 22 Aug –28 Aug	Month 01 Aug-28 Aug	Accum. 01 Jan-28 Aug	Normal Aug	Normal Jan-Aug	
Northwest									
Albuquerque	81.5	97	65	0.38	0.82	1.40	1.64	6.06	
Chama	65.2	85	45	1.84	3.97	10.95	2.82	13.90	
Farmington	76.9	95	60	0.02	0.18	3.58	1.05	5.36	
Gallup	73.1	93	53	0.01	1.92	5.80	2.26	8.36	
Grants	72.3	93	53	0.28	1.63	2.83	2.16	6.95	
Johnson Ranch	72.6	92	53	0.00	0.00	0.97	2.29	7.72	
Los Alamos	70.4	85	55	0.58	2.98	4.35	3.52	13.18	
Red River	-	-	-	0.00	0.72	7.26	3.10	15.03	
Santa Fe	76.4	93	59	0.12	3.65	6.23	2.39	10.03	
Northeast									
Capulin	74.2	95	53	0.15	1.98	8.66	2.56	13.08	
Clayton	81.1	98	65	0.18	1.22	5.74	2.61	11.61	
Clovis	83.7	99	68	0.00	2.19	4.67	3.17	12.74	
Las Vegas	71.5	88	53	0.52	2.54	5.31	4.27	13.87	
Moriarty	73.5	93	55	0.20	1.66	3.82	2.69	9.06	
Raton	71.9	93	52	0.13	1.58	4.76	3.21	13.03	
Roy	-	-	-	0.00	2.00	3.77	2.81	11.84	
Tucumcari	84.4	103	63	0.22	0.86	2.08	2.41	10.98	
Southwest									
Animas	82.4	99	65	0.00	1.82	4.71	2.34	7.08	
Deming	84.6	101	63	-	0.66	1.48	2.05	6.48	
Gran Quivira	75.0	93	57	0.02	1.30	3.15	3.27	10.79	
Quemado	69.3	89	49	0.34	1.67	3.89	3.12	9.68	
Socorro	79.4	99	61	0.00	0.05	0.61	1.90	5.84	
T or C	83.1	99	66	0.50	1.26	2.29	2.15	6.59	
Southeast									
Alamogordo	82.9	101	64	0.11	0.54	2.84	2.41	7.92	
Carlsbad	86.1	102	70	0.00	0.14	0.60	2.25	7.99	
Carrizozo	77.6	96	59	0.00	0.47	1.39	2.69	8.24	
Las Cruces	85.5	102	69	0.00	1.38	4.17	2.29	5.92	
Roswell	79.1	95	63	0.00	0.16	1.66	2.03	8.77	
Ruidoso	70.1	88	51	0.30	3.05	4.64	4.04	15.03	
Tatum	83.6	101	66	0.04	0.14	1.29	2.48	11.17	

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