



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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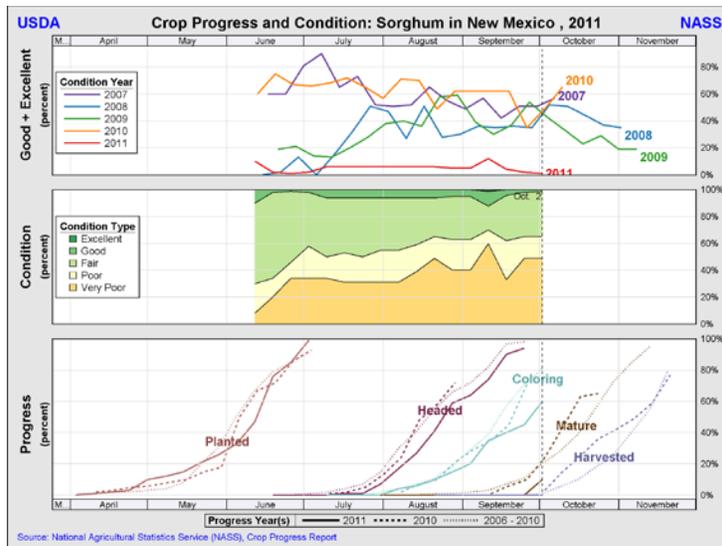
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Crop Weather

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING October 09, 2011

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly fair; fifth cutting 96% complete; sixth cutting 65% complete; seventh cutting 10% complete. Corn was mostly fair; 100% dent; 80% mature; 20% harvested for grain. Corn silage was 87% harvested. Cotton ranged from mostly poor to fair; 90% bolls opening; 5% harvested. Sorghum was mostly very poor; 100% headed; 75% turning color; 19% mature. Winter wheat was mostly poor to very poor; 87% planted; 60% emerged. Peanuts were mostly fair; 15% harvested. Lettuce was mostly good; 25% harvested. Chile 8% harvested red. Onions 39% planted. Pecan conditions were mostly good. Cattle conditions were mostly fair to poor. Sheep conditions were mostly poor to fair. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.9. Topsoil moisture was 49% very short, 50% short and 1% adequate. Wind damage was 15% light; 11% wind damage to cotton to date and 6% wind damage to sorghum to date. No hail damage to crops this week.



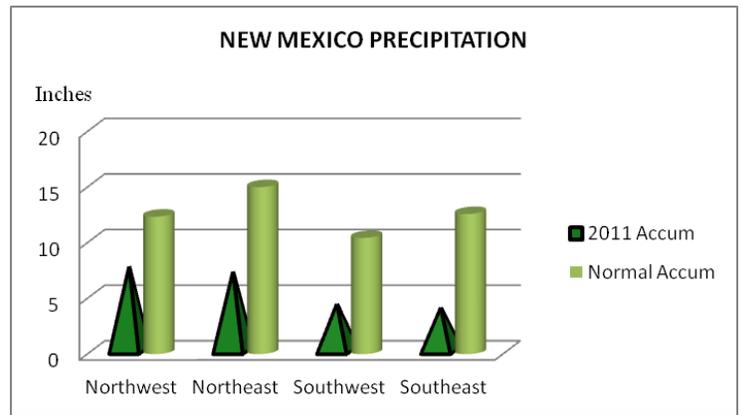
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS					
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	5 th Cutting	96	94	88	91
Alfalfa	6 th Cutting	65	50	51	45
Alfalfa	7 th Cutting	10	5	5	8
Chile	Harvested	8	-	10	28
Corn	Dent	100	99	99	97
Corn	Mature	80	73	73	80
Corn	Grain Hvst	20	-	25	23
Corn	Silage Hvst	87	80	90	54
Cotton	Opening	90	88	74	76
Cotton	Harvested	5	-	1	2
Lettuce	Harvested	25	5	-	23
Onion	Planted	39	-	-	30
Peanuts	Harvested	15	-	30	27
Sorghum	Headed	100	97	100	100
Sorghum	Turning Clr	75	60	96	85
W Wheat	Emerged	60	42	75	82
W Wheat	Planted	87	77	90	95

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	40	60	-	-
Northeast	42	57	1	-
Southwest	73	27	-	-
Southeast	48	51	1	-
State Current	49	50	1	-
State-Last Week	61	37	2	-
State-Last Year	11	43	46	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	14	37	48	1

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	6	6	53	35	-
Corn	3	10	68	12	7
Cotton	16	32	22	13	17
Peanut	-	20	65	15	-
Pecan	-	1	27	53	19
Sorghum	59	8	31	2	-
Winter Wheat	35	38	27	-	-
Cattle	27	34	33	6	-
Sheep	14	44	33	9	-

Additional Comments: **De Baca:** Some scattered showers received throughout the county this week. **Guadalupe:** Showers received in the county this week - about 1.0 inch precipitation total. **Quay:** Range and pasture conditions are poor and very dry. Some rainfall received this week from .45 to .68. Tobosa is first to respond with new green growth. Other perennial grasses show no sign of green or life. No allocated irrigation from conservancy for the season. Growers are in dire straits with no survival of alfalfa fields. Dryland wheat is being planted into dry ground and waiting on sufficient moisture for the rest of the crop. With recent rain the rest of the 2011-12 crop will be planted by Monday or Tuesday.

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	40	60	-	-	-
Northeast	63	30	7	-	-
Southwest	56	38	6	-	-
Southeast	49	37	14	-	-
State Current	55	35	10	-	-
State-Last Week	53	28	15	2	2
State-Last Year	6	15	29	43	7
State-5-Yr Avg.	6	17	32	37	8



Weather Summary

The state saw much needed rain mid week, as well as some snow in the higher elevations. Rainfall totals from across the state: Farmington 0.94", Chama 1.71", Red River 1.74", Santa Fe 1.41", Albuquerque 1.44", Grants 0.84", Tucumcari 0.47", Socorro 0.13", Carrizozo 0.95", Roswell 0.37" and Deming 0.18". Average temperatures varied widely as the front swung across the state.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – October 3 – October 9, 2011								
Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 03 Oct – 09 Oct	Month 01 Oct – 09 Oct	Accum. 01 Jan - 09 Oct	Normal Oct	Normal Jan-Oct
Northwest								
Albuquerque	56.6	76	38	1.44	1.44	3.34	0.89	7.95
Chama	42.4	71	20	1.71	1.71	15.09	1.96	18.09
Farmington	50.9	77	32	0.94	0.94	5.47	0.85	7.18
Gallup	47.5	74	27	0.80	1.30	9.07	1.29	10.96
Grants	48.6	72	29	0.84	1.14	5.42	1.05	9.56
Johnson Ranch	46.3	74	26	0.00	0.00	1.90	1.11	10.16
Los Alamos	46.9	69	30	0.90	0.90	8.29	1.32	16.62
Red River	41.3	60	25	1.74	1.74	10.83	1.46	18.15
Santa Fe	51.6	70	33	1.41	1.41	8.67	1.04	12.58
Northeast								
Capulin	53.4	78	30	0.00	-	10.10	0.97	16.27
Clayton	61.1	84	39	0.02	0.02	7.16	0.90	14.28
Clovis	64.3	85	43	0.67	0.67	6.23	1.34	16.24
Las Vegas	51.7	75	33	0.71	0.71	7.77	1.51	17.78
Moriarty	51.4	75	34	1.46	1.46	6.64	1.10	11.77
Raton	56.4	80	37	0.13	0.13	7.48	0.97	15.61
Roy	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	5.47	1.05	14.79
Tucumcari	63.8	88	41	0.47	0.47	5.95	0.94	13.39
Southwest								
Animas	61.8	82	36	-	0.10	6.13	1.15	9.91
Deming	60.5	81	34	0.18	0.56	2.34	0.98	9.09
Gran Quivira	54.5	75	31	0.58	0.59	4.66	1.27	14.01
Quemado	47.1	75	27	0.39	0.39	6.53	1.18	12.59
Socorro	59.5	81	39	0.13	0.13	0.74	1.11	8.48
T or C	60.1	78	41	0.46	0.62	4.70	0.95	8.62
Southeast								
Alamogordo	65.3	85	35	0.04	0.04	3.62	1.30	11.21
Carlsbad	68.9	93	49	-	-	2.43	1.05	11.79
Carrizozo	57.6	77	33	0.95	0.95	2.90	1.19	11.31
Las Cruces	66.1	84	45	0.05	0.10	5.35	0.91	8.19
Roswell	64.9	87	47	0.37	0.37	3.34	1.19	11.83
Ruidoso	53.0	71	28	0.31	0.32	5.45	1.31	18.84
Tatum	65.8	87	47	0.01	0.01	3.85	1.49	15.02

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