



**WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER**

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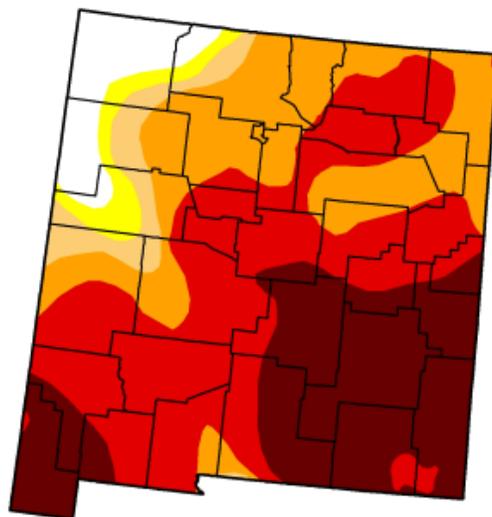
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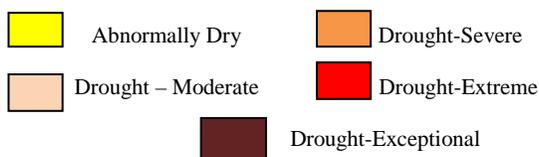
**CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING October 23, 2011**

**NEW MEXICO:** Alfalfa conditions were mostly fair to good; fifth cutting 100% complete; sixth cutting 90% complete; seventh cutting 35% complete. Corn was mostly fair; 99% mature; 50% harvested for grain. Corn silage was 98% harvested. Cotton ranged from mostly poor to fair; 98% bolls opening; 26% harvested. Sorghum ranged from very poor to poor; 88% turning color; 45% mature and 10% harvested. Winter wheat was mostly poor to fair; 97% planted; 85% emerged. Peanuts were mostly fair; 30% harvested. Lettuce was mostly good; 75% harvested. Chile 30% harvested red. Onions 87% planted. Pecan conditions were mostly good. Cattle conditions were mostly poor. Sheep conditions were mostly poor. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for field work were 6.9. Topsoil moisture was 55% very short, 40% short and 5% adequate. Wind damage was 12% light; 13% wind damage to cotton to date, 8% wind damage to sorghum to date and 19% wind damage to winter wheat to date. Freeze damage 4% light and 14% moderate. No hail damage to crops this week.

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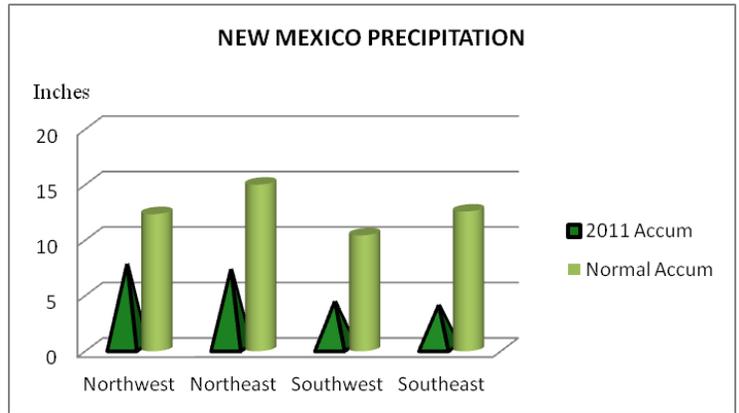


CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS					
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	5 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	100	99	98	98
Alfalfa	6 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	90	86	70	66
Alfalfa	7 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	35	29	20	21
Chile	Harvested	30	22	31	46
Corn	Mature	99	93	97	93
Corn	Grain Hvst	50	33	60	51
Corn	Silage Hvst	98	96	99	59
Cotton	Opening	98	96	94	93
Cotton	Harvested	26	20	12	13
Lettuce	Harvested	75	44	17	40
Onion	Planted	87	62	-	51
Peanuts	Harvested	30	25	64	56
Sorghum	Turning Clr	88	84	100	91
Sorghum	Mature	45	28	65	51
W Wheat	Emerged	85	76	94	97
W Wheat	Planted	97	94	98	99

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	18	9	39	33	1
Corn	2	16	70	8	4
Cotton	13	30	28	16	13
Lettuce	-	-	11	56	33
Peanut	-	38	56	6	-
Pecan	-	1	28	53	18
Sorghum	35	32	21	11	1
Winter Wheat	25	41	33	1	-
Cattle	12	49	34	5	-
Sheep	21	52	22	5	-

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	45	50	4	1
Northeast	49	51	-	-
Southwest	62	19	19	-
Southeast	63	36	1	-
State Current	55	40	5	-
State-Last Week	56	36	8	-
State-Last Year	10	39	50	1
State-5-Yr Avg.	11	33	53	3

**Additional Comments: Curry:** Most irrigated wheat fields have been planted and emerged. Dry land fields where some moisture is available have emerged but additional moisture essential for further growth. Irrigated fields slow in developing with no sightings of pasture available at this time. Cattle dispersals and herd reduction still a major activity in the livestock segment. Pasture conditions very dry, feeding continues and prospects for winter pasture very poor as night temperatures cool and frost expected soon. Cotton stripping close to beginning and prospects fairly good where moisture available due to hot summer season. Last cutting in alfalfa fields has begun and demand excellent for hay of any kind. **De Baca:** Night and day time temperatures are cooling off. Ranchers are selling their calf crop and culling their herds for the winter due to lack of grass pasture availability. **Guadalupe:** Night and day time temperatures are cooling off. Gardens are about all harvested - red Puerto De Luna Chile is still being picked. Ranchers are selling their calves. Cow herds are being culled due to the reduced amount of forage this fall. **Luna/Grant:** Drought conditions are still plaguing our producers and right now, it seems, it will continue. Cattle sales are still continuing, ranchers trying to maintain as much of their herd as they can, but supplemental feeding and water hauling is definitely taking its toll.



### Weather Summary

Dry conditions continued across New Mexico during the past week. In the southern half of the state average temperatures ranged from 2 to 7 degrees above normal. Average temperatures in the north were a few degrees above normal. No precipitation was reported.

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	38	40	21	1	-
Northeast	52	38	5	5	-
Southwest	67	24	9	-	-
Southeast	67	26	7	-	-
State Current	57	31	10	2	-
State-Last Week	64	28	6	2	-
State-Last Year	6	14	29	45	6
State-5-Yr Avg.	6	19	32	35	8

### NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - October 17 - October 23, 2011

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week	Month	Accum.	Normal	Normal
				17 Oct - 23 Oct	01 Oct - 23 Oct	01 Jan - 23 Oct	Oct	Jan-Oct
<b>Northwest</b>								
Albuquerque	59.7	77	43	0.00	1.44	3.34	0.89	7.95
Chama	44.9	70	23	0.00	1.71	15.09	1.96	18.09
Farmington	52.7	71	33	0.00	0.94	5.47	0.85	7.18
Gallup	50.1	73	24	0.00	1.30	9.07	1.29	10.96
Grants	50.1	73	24	0.00	1.14	5.42	1.05	9.56
Johnson Ranch	46.7	73	23	0.00	0.00	1.90	1.11	10.16
Los Alamos	49.4	66	31	0.00	0.90	8.29	1.32	16.62
Red River	40.6	62	21	0.00	1.78	10.87	1.46	18.15
Santa Fe	49.9	73	28	0.00	1.41	8.67	1.04	12.58
<b>Northeast</b>								
Capulin	47.3	73	19	0.00	-	10.10	0.97	16.27
Clayton	55.1	77	32	0.00	0.02	7.16	0.90	14.28
Clovis	57.9	81	34	0.00	0.67	6.23	1.34	16.24
Las Vegas	50.1	74	27	0.00	0.71	7.77	1.51	17.78
Moriarty	49.5	72	26	0.00	1.46	6.64	1.10	11.77
Raton	48.5	76	25	0.00	0.13	7.48	0.97	15.61
Roy	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	5.47	1.05	14.79
Tucumcari	57.0	86	32	0.00	0.47	5.95	0.94	13.39
<b>Southwest</b>								
Animas	64.1	85	44	0.00	0.10	6.13	1.15	9.91
Deming	63.1	88	39	0.00	0.56	2.34	0.98	9.09
Gran Quivira	55.7	79	32	0.00	0.59	4.66	1.27	14.01
Quemado	49.1	78	23	0.00	0.39	6.53	1.18	12.59
Socorro	60.3	82	37	0.00	0.13	0.74	1.11	8.48
T or C	64.6	85	42	0.00	0.62	4.70	0.95	8.62
<b>Southeast</b>								
Alamogordo	61.1	88	37	0.00	0.04	3.62	1.30	11.21
Carlsbad	64.1	90	37	0.00	-	2.43	1.05	11.79
Carrizozo	57.9	80	34	0.00	0.95	2.90	1.19	11.31
Las Cruces	63.4	86	44	0.00	0.10	5.35	0.91	8.19
Roswell	59.3	85	32	0.00	0.37	3.34	1.19	11.83
Ruidoso	53.3	72	27	0.00	0.32	5.45	1.31	18.84
Tatum	59.0	86	33	0.00	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.