



**WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER**

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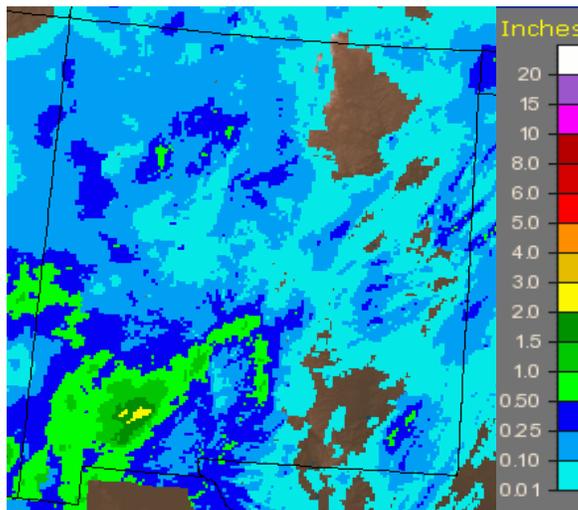
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**CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING November 27, 2011 (Final Weekly Issue for 2011)**

**Seven Day Observed Precipitation November 28, 2011**

**NEW MEXICO:** Alfalfa conditions were mostly fair; seventh cutting 96% complete; eighth cutting 41% complete. Cotton 70% harvested. Sorghum 100% mature and 65% harvested. Winter wheat was mostly very poor to poor; 26% grazed. Peanuts 85% harvested. Lettuce 100% harvested. Chile 80% harvested red. Pecan conditions were mostly good; 12% harvested. Cattle conditions were mostly fair. Sheep conditions were mostly poor to fair. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.6. Topsoil moisture was 54% very short, 36% short and 10% adequate. Wind damage was 6% light and 4% moderate; 22% wind damage to cotton to date, 21% wind damage to sorghum to date, 81% wind damage to winter wheat to date and 5% wind damage to onions to date. Freeze damage 13% light and 62% moderate; 8% freeze damage to winter wheat to date and 12% freeze damage to onions to date. No hail damage to crops this week.



CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	5	12	71	9	3
Pecan	-	1	28	48	23
Sorghum	34	37	20	8	1
Winter Wheat	37	33	25	3	2
Cattle	19	25	41	13	2
Sheep	16	39	38	7	-

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS					
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	7 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	96	95	59	67
Alfalfa	8 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	41	40	33	11
Chile	Harvested	80	78	77	90
Cotton	Harvested	70	62	80	76
Lettuce	Harvested	100	97	90	78
Peanuts	Harvested	85	76	93	98
Pecans	Harvested	12	5	-	8
Sorghum	Mature	100	95	100	96
Sorghum	Harvested	65	53	88	92
W Wheat	Grazed	26	21	-	-

**Additional Comments:** Curry: Cotton harvest near completion. Dry land wheat still in fair to poor condition, irrigated wheat in fair to good condition. Very few fields being grazed at this point and pasture availability not likely to improve significantly, though there is a chance of moisture late this week. Cattle on rangeland still being culled and herd reduction or dispersals continuing. Feed cost and availability and cost of hay forcing sales of livestock. Luna/Grant: Luna and Grant have received a little moisture this last week, however, it is still not enough to maintain the current livestock numbers. Much more moisture is needed in order to slow down the selling off of livestock herds.

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	27	38	33	2	-
Northeast	42	36	20	2	-
Southwest	73	27	-	-	-
Southeast	51	36	13	-	-
State Current	43	36	19	2	-
State-Last Week	60	29	9	2	-
State-Last Year	7	16	43	31	3
State-5-Yr Avg.	-	-	-	-	-

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	15	35	48	2
Northeast	62	36	2	-
Southwest	73	27	-	-
Southeast	60	38	2	-
State Current	54	36	10	-
State-Last Week	58	35	7	-
State-Last Year	28	49	22	1
State-5-Yr Avg.	-	-	-	-

## Weather Summary

A couple of weak systems pushed through New Mexico, bringing some rain throughout the state with the main concentration to the south. Some of the higher precipitation amounts for the week included 1.11 inches in Deming, 0.85 inches in Animas and 0.65 inches in Carrizozo. Temperatures remained above normal for late November in New Mexico due to a warm spell in the middle of the week. Some of the greater departures above normal temperature included 8 degrees in Capulin, 8 degrees in Clayton and 6 degrees in Clovis.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS November 21- November 27, 2011									
Station	Temperature			Precipitation					
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week	Month	Accum.	Normal	Normal	
				21 Nov - 27 Nov	01 Nov - 27 Nov	01 Jan - 27 Nov	Nov	Jan - Nov	
<b>Northwest</b>									
Albuquerque	44.9	60	26	0.04	0.13	3.47	0.43	8.38	
Chama	31.9	58	6	0.40	1.85	17.81	1.72	19.81	
Farmington	40.6	58	19	0.15	0.65	7.04	0.94	8.12	
Gallup	36.5	59	12	0.17	1.05	10.39	0.95	11.91	
Grants	37.9	59	13	0.29	0.53	5.95	0.58	10.14	
Johnson Ranch	37.4	61	12	0.00	0.36	2.26	0.69	10.85	
Los Alamos	38.6	56	23	0.00	0.08	9.09	1.02	17.64	
Red River	30.1	53	8	0.18	1.61	13.65	1.18	19.33	
Santa Fe	38.9	60	15	0.15	0.41	9.24	0.63	13.21	
<b>Northeast</b>									
Capulin	40.4	68	16	0.14	0.78	11.01	0.67	16.94	
Clayton	46.6	71	21	0.17	0.40	7.66	0.52	14.80	
Clovis	48.7	70	32	0.07	0.10	6.76	0.73	16.97	
Las Vegas	42.1	66	12	0.00	0.04	7.95	0.58	18.36	
Moriarty	38.7	64	12	0.00	0.10	7.10	0.40	12.17	
Raton	41.9	70	15	0.05	0.28	8.14	0.61	16.22	
Roy	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	5.47	0.50	15.29	
Tucumcari	49.4	73	21	0.03	0.03	6.38	0.51	13.90	
<b>Southwest</b>									
Animas	48.1	74	25	0.85	0.93	7.16	0.71	10.62	
Deming	46.4	65	27	1.11	1.13	3.59	0.64	9.73	
Gran Quivira	43.1	65	20	0.01	0.12	4.78	0.91	14.92	
Quemado	38.3	63	15	0.34	0.45	6.98	0.45	13.04	
Socorro	47.4	63	32	0.00	0.00	0.74	0.47	8.95	
T or C	46.9	65	27	0.54	0.54	5.24	0.60	9.22	
<b>Southeast</b>									
Alamogordo	46.0	67	24	0.27	0.97	5.02	0.71	11.92	
Carlsbad	50.6	72	21	0.09	0.09	2.56	0.59	12.38	
Carrizozo	43.1	66	25	0.65	0.81	4.68	0.76	12.07	
Las Cruces	48.8	68	29	0.42	0.42	5.77	0.53	8.72	
Roswell	46.3	70	21	0.07	0.08	4.20	0.55	12.38	
Ruidoso	41.3	62	15	0.32	0.47	6.62	0.88	19.72	
Tatum	46.3	72	19	0.01	0.01	4.42	0.55	15.57	

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