



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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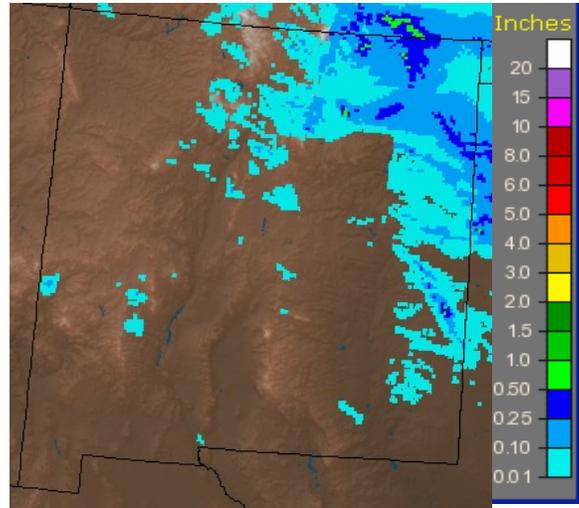
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Crop Weather

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING April 22, 2012

**NEW MEXICO:** Alfalfa conditions ranged from fair to good; 22% first cutting complete. Cotton 36% planted. Corn 10% planted. Sorghum was 3% planted. Winter wheat ranged from very poor to fair; with 20% headed; 55% grazed. Lettuce condition ranged excellent to fair. Chile condition was mostly fair; 87% planted. Onion conditions were mostly good. Cattle conditions ranged from very poor to fair. Sheep conditions were mostly poor to fair. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for field-work were 6.8. Topsoil moisture was 63% very short, 27% short and 10% adequate. Wind damage was 18% light, 9% moderate and 6% severe; with winter wheat 50% damaged and onions 20% damaged. Freeze damage was 8% light; with winter wheat 1% damaged and onions 3% damaged. No hail damage reported.



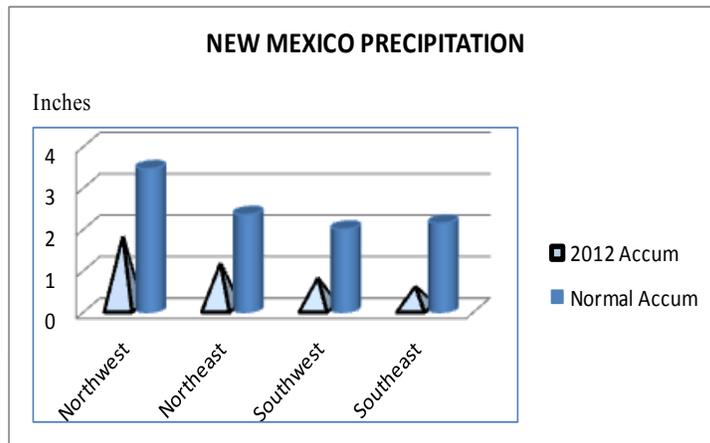
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS					
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	1st Cut	22	8	20	17
Chile	Planted	87	80	92	82
Corn	Planted	10	2	9	19
Cotton	Planted	36	14	44	28
W Wheat	Grazed	55	48	56	n/a

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	3	10	40	40	7
Chile	2	10	68	5	15
Lettuce	11	-	23	33	33
Onion	-	-	32	53	15
Winter Wheat	39	29	24	4	4
Cattle	29	31	28	9	3
Sheep	27	44	25	4	-

**Additional Comments:** Rio Arriba/Santa Fe: No precipitation, no improvements in crop and weather conditions for this week. Guadalupe: Farmers are busy planting gardens, spring crops, and irrigating. Ranchers are busy with calving, feeding and culling. Grant: Supplemental Feeding continues. Some livestock producers are having to haul water. Luna/Grant: Pasture conditions have remained the same for the last few months. Dry weather conditions have prevented adequate growth in most parts of the counties. If moisture is not forthcoming, the pastures will once again deteriorate as last year and the livestock will need to be supplemented or sold off to maintain smaller herds.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	66	32	2	-
Northeast	75	11	14	-
Southwest	60	39	1	-
Southeast	41	41	18	-
State Current	63	27	10	-
State-Last Week	71	25	4	-
State-Last Year	59	34	7	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	31	34	34	2

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	56	34	10	-	-
Northeast	62	15	10	11	2
Southwest	19	28	20	26	7
Southeast	58	34	8	-	-
State Current	53	26	11	8	2
State-Last Week	66	25	7	2	-
State-Last Year	22	37	36	5	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	15	31	33	20	1



### Weather Summary

Temperatures this past week were very close to above normal, except in a few locations in the SE, which were below normal. Precipitation was recorded in locations in Central and NE New Mexico.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – April 16 – April 22, 2012									
Station	Temperature			Precipitation					
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 16 Apr – 22 Apr	Month 01 Apr – 22 Apr	Accum. 01 Jan – 22Apr	Normal Apr	Normal Jan-Apr	
<b>Northwest</b>									
Albuquerque	61.5	85	33	0.01	0.82	1.68	0.52	1.96	
Chama	43.7	75	15	-	0.81	3.32	1.27	6.61	
Farmington	55.2	82	27	0.00	-	0.76	0.51	2.48	
Gallup	52.5	83	23	0.00	0.04	1.77	0.64	3.23	
Grants	51.6	80	20	0.00	0.57	1.10	0.45	1.95	
Johnson Ranch	49.5	81	19	0.00	0.00	0.47	0.49	2.47	
Los Alamos	52.3	73	30	0.00	0.89	1.66	1.00	3.88	
Red River	39.7	67	18	0.33	1.53	3.66	1.68	5.75	
Santa Fe	54.4	81	26	-	0.41	1.23	0.81	2.87	
<b>Northeast</b>									
Capulin	51.5	77	23	0.36	1.35	2.38	1.01	2.86	
Clayton	55.7	78	35	0.04	1.52	1.93	0.94	2.04	
Clovis	60.7	85	37	-	-	0.20	0.81	2.30	
Las Vegas	50.4	75	26	0.01	0.30	0.74	0.83	2.54	
Moriarty	51.2	80	23	0.03	0.57	1.26	0.66	2.10	
Raton	53.0	81	27	0.09	0.25	1.20	1.06	2.90	
Roy	53.3	78	29	0.16	0.44	0.58	0.82	2.14	
Tucumcari	62.9	89	35	0.00	0.10	0.38	0.87	2.00	
<b>Southwest</b>									
Animas	63.9	94	33	0.00	-	1.70	0.20	1.86	
Deming	62.6	94	31	0.00	-	0.58	0.18	1.54	
Gran Quivira	60.2	82	34	0.00	0.19	0.62	0.64	2.88	
Quemado	49.0	78	20	0.00	-	0.90	0.60	2.95	
Socorro	63.9	88	39	0.00	0.30	0.30	0.36	1.41	
T or C	65.6	90	41	0.00	0.01	0.27	0.22	1.40	
<b>Southeast</b>									
Alamogordo	63.6	92	36	0.00	0.06	0.19	0.26	1.93	
Carlsbad	67.2	94	41	0.00	0.10	0.28	0.49	1.49	
Carrizozo	58.5	86	27	0.00	0.04	0.55	0.36	2.10	
Las Cruces	65.6	94	39	0.00	0.00	0.23	0.21	1.26	
Roswell	59.0	85	36	0.00	0.03	0.32	0.65	1.99	
Ruidoso	51.6	77	24	0.00	0.09	1.00	0.63	4.24	
Tatum	61.5	88	39	0.00	0.57	1.06	0.64	2.05	

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