NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions ranged from good to fair; 77% first cutting complete. Cotton 75% planted. Corn 82% planted; 26% emerged. Sorghum was 13% planted. Winter wheat was mostly very poor; with 80% headed; 66% grazed. Chile condition was mostly fair; 100% planted. Onion conditions were mostly good. Pecan condition was mostly good: Nut set 2% light, 95% average and 3% heavy. Cattle conditions ranged from fair to very poor. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor.

Additional Comments: Rio Arriba/Santa Fe: Some precipitation this week. Producers continue to irrigate with limited water. Taos: Had a few scattered rain showers and drops in nightly temperatures; causing alfalfa crops to freeze on top. Fruit trees have blooming blossoms freezing and blowing away with the cold nightly temperatures. Colfax: The area received good rains over the weekend with no reports of damaging winds or hail. De Baca: Rangeland pastures are getting dry - need some spring rain. Gualdalupe: Cloudy skies through Thursday of this week but "0" precipitation received. Quay: Producers are selling seed stock due to drought conditions. No Arch Hurley irrigation water thus far. Wheat has been disastered and has played out for grazing purposes. San Miguel/Mora: This week we had some precipitation from quarter inch to some areas receiving one inch. Luna/Grant: Pasture conditions remain about the same. There has been some scattered moisture, but still not enough to maintain the necessary quality and quantity of pastures. Socorro: Rain showers have come across Socorro County this week providing some interesting weather. For the most part no problems with crops being damaged, but soil moisture definitely improved. Range condition will improve with moisture, but if winds and high heat come in it will be short lived. Chaves: Rain on parts of the county. Some hay still uncut due to rain. Northern part of the county didn’t receive as much rain as the southern part of the county. Dona Ana: Excessive rain and hail hit an area from south of Rincon, north to the county line on 5-8-2012 causing severe to light hail damage on all crops. Eddy: Great weather about 1.75 inches of rain to 2.75 in other parts of the county. Some hail in North Eddy County. Ground just now starting to pool water. Most came as slow drizzle. Even farmers with hay down happy to see rain.
An active weather week was marked by a couple of surface cold fronts bringing in much needed moisture back into New Mexico. A series of showers and thunderstorms mainly impacted locations on the eastern sides of the western high terrain and central mountain chain. The cities that saw the most precipitation was Carlsbad with 2.72 inches, Roswell with 1.70 inches and Ruidoso with 1.15 inches. The cold fronts kept temperatures around normal in the central and west while the east saw temperatures below normal.

**NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – May 7 – May 13, 2012**

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