



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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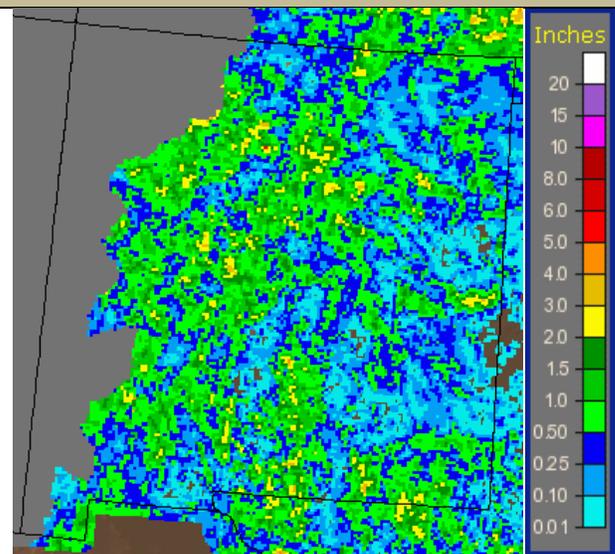
Crop Weather

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING July 8, 2012

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good; third cutting 60% complete. Cotton conditions were mostly fair; 63% squared; 20% setting bolls. Corn conditions were mostly fair; 15% silked. Sorghum conditions were mostly fair; 100% planted; 3% headed. Winter wheat 98% harvested for grain. Peanut conditions were mostly poor; 25% pegging. Chile conditions were mostly fair; 31% light pod set and 69% average pod set. Onion conditions were mostly good; 75% harvested. Apple conditions were fair. Pecan conditions were mostly good. Cattle conditions were fair. Sheep conditions were mostly poor. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.8. Topsoil moisture was 52% very short, 43% short and 5% adequate. Wind damage was 23% light, 5% moderate and 6% severe; with cotton 65% damaged and sorghum 35% damaged. Hail damage was 9% light; with sorghum 15%, cotton 9%, onions 3%, Chile 7% and alfalfa 11% damaged by hail.

Seven Day Observed Precipitation July 9, 2012



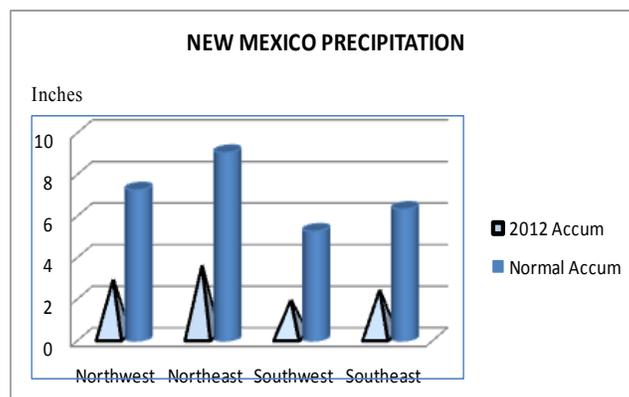
Additional Comments: Rio Arriba/ Santa Fe: Some rainfall this week in most parts of the county. Taos: Rain showers throughout the county, but conditions continue to remain dry. De Baca: Scattered showers received this week - more rain will be needed this summer to improve drought afflicted pastures. Guadalupe: Some scattered showers received this week - ranchers are hoping rains continue and improve. Farmers are complaining the heat is setting back the garden crop growth. Harding: Very dry. Temps into the 100's and high 90's for end of June and first of July. Quay: Spotty rains. Not as hot since temps are in the mid 90s. Some Sorghum and Sorghum forage planted. No irrigation water from Conchas Dam for the conservancy district. Rangeland is poor in areas of the county. Some ranchers are hauling water. Otero/Lincoln: Spotty Rain in some areas by the end of this week, still very dry.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS					
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	3rd Cut	60	35	61	45
Corn	Silked	15	8	20	23
Cotton	Squaring	63	34	64	60
Cotton	Setting Boll	20	5	22	16
Onion	Harvested	75	65	60	78
Peanut	Pegging	25	15	29	38
Sorghum	Planted	100	86	100	95
W Wheat	Grain	98	82	98	95

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	3	10	27	50	10
Chile	3	10	54	18	15
Corn	1	3	52	22	22
Cotton	5	19	36	24	16
Onion	-	-	31	58	11
Peanut	20	50	20	10	-
Sorghum	29	31	39	1	-
Cattle	23	27	39	5	6
Sheep	17	39	35	9	-

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	66	28	6	-
Northeast	58	42	-	-
Southwest	40	60	-	-
Southeast	31	50	19	-
State Current	52	43	5	-
State-Last Week	66	32	2	-
State-Last Year	74	20	6	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	29	37	31	3

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	46	42	12	-	-
Northeast	42	53	4	1	-
Southwest	-	44	44	12	-
Southeast	59	31	10	-	-
State Current	45	44	10	1	-
State-Last Week	54	35	11	-	-
State-Last Year	50	40	10	-	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	19	30	31	18	2



Weather Summary

Monsoon season officially started as large amounts of moisture from the south invaded the state creating daily thunderstorms with much needed rain in many areas. Recent burn scars such as Whitewater, Las Conchas, and Little Bear were on constant watch for flash flooding. So far rainfall amounts were highest in Moriarty with 1.81 inches and Animas with 1.27 inches. Temperatures were below average in some locations, because of the cloud cover and shower activity, but remained normal to slightly above in other places.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – July 02 – July 08, 2012

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 02 July – 08 July	Month 01 July-08 July	Accum. 01 Jan-08 July	Normal July	Normal Jan-July
Northwest								
Albuquerque	78.2	97	62	0.76	0.76	3.05	1.37	4.42
Chama	63.1	87	44	1.13	1.13	6.08	2.24	11.08
Farmington	76.0	99	57	0.14	0.14	0.99	0.94	4.31
Gallup	71.6	93	51	0.01	0.01	1.99	1.91	6.10
Grants	72.1	96	52	0.54	0.54	1.80	1.76	4.79
Johnson Ranch	70.6	95	52	0.00	0.00	0.47	1.66	5.43
Los Alamos	63.6	91	50	0.63	0.63	2.91	3.25	9.66
Red River	53.6	80	42	0.77	0.77	5.73	3.01	11.93
Santa Fe	69.0	94	49	0.38	0.40	1.91	2.38	7.64
Northeast								
Capulin	74.3	93	56	1.05	1.09	6.52	3.25	10.52
Clayton	78.7	96	62	0.00	0.15	3.21	2.70	9.00
Clovis	78.9	95	63	0.11	0.14	1.52	2.56	9.57
Las Vegas	69.9	90	51	0.21	0.21	3.00	3.20	9.60
Moriarty	71.4	94	54	1.81	1.82	4.42	2.38	6.37
Raton	76.1	96	57	0.40	0.40	4.40	2.66	9.82
Roy	74.9	92	56	0.21	0.21	1.91	2.97	9.03
Tucumcari	83.3	100	62	0.19	0.19	2.67	3.30	8.57
Southwest								
Animas	78.5	98	63	1.27	1.27	3.04	2.26	4.74
Deming	79.1	99	60	0.34	0.15	1.03	2.15	4.43
Gran Quivira	70.7	94	53	0.78	0.78	2.30	2.81	7.52
Quemado	67.0	85	41	1.21	1.21	2.55	2.37	6.56
Socorro	77.6	97	63	0.07	0.07	0.83	1.44	3.94
T or C	78.6	97	63	0.11	0.14	0.90	1.86	4.44
Southeast								
Alamogordo	79.2	96	62	-	-	0.20	2.23	5.51
Carlsbad	81.3	98	66	0.48	0.48	3.87	1.79	5.74
Carrizozo	72.7	93	55	0.83	0.83	1.71	2.05	5.55
Las Cruces	80.7	97	67	0.56	0.56	1.38	1.36	3.63
Roswell	82.9	101	66	0.02	0.02	2.37	1.99	6.74
Ruidoso	65.1	83	46	0.86	0.86	3.93	4.02	10.99
Tatum	79.0	96	62	0.07	0.07	2.39	2.52	8.69

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