



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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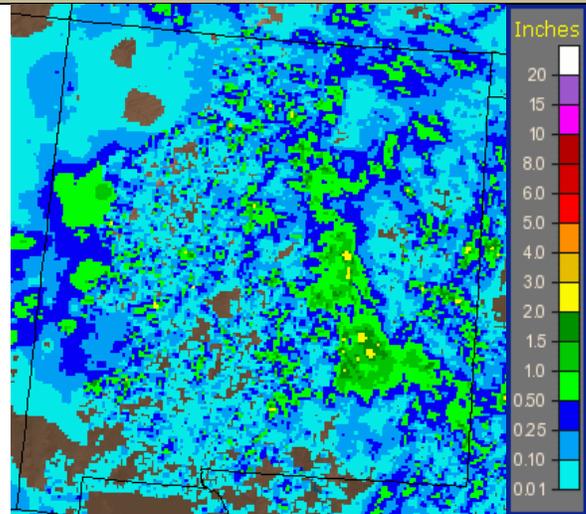
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING August 12, 2012

**NEW MEXICO:** Alfalfa conditions were mostly good; fourth cutting 75% complete; fifth cutting 20% complete. Cotton conditions were mostly excellent; 91% squared; 60% setting bolls; 5% bolls opening. Corn conditions were mostly fair; 81% silked; 25% dough; 7% dent; 5% silage harvested. Sorghum conditions were mostly fair; 34% headed; 2% turning color. Peanut conditions were mostly fair; 87% pegging. Chile conditions were mostly good; 15% green harvested. Onions 98% harvested. Pecan conditions were mostly good. Cattle conditions were fair. Sheep conditions were mostly fair. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.9.

**Additional Comments:** **Taos:** Most of the county received afternoon/evening rain showers that have decreased the dry conditions to crop and grazing lands. Second cut of Alfalfa and mixed forage are 5% complete, production is low for majority of the county. **Curry:** Some irrigated corn looking good though high temperatures having an effect and all sprinklers running 24-7 and will until harvest. Alfalfa under some stress also from heat. Dry land crops are under severe stress and very little hope of more than minimal harvest expected. Range lands in dire need of moisture. More cattle expected to be sold in the next weeks unless we see a sizable change in the weather pattern. **De Baca:** No rains this week. Ranchers are in great need of some good rains. Cattle numbers have been cut down due to drought and may have to be reduced further if drought continues. **Guadalupe:** No rain this week - Ranchers are counting on some good monsoon rains this month or may be forced to cut down further on cattle numbers. Gardens seem to be picking up with recent drop in day time temperatures. Chile is being harvested in Puerto De Luna. **Lea:** Need Moisture, Extreme heat last week, additional feeding and watering. Preparation of silage (corn) harvest to begin in a week or two.

Seven Day Observed Precipitation August 13, 2012

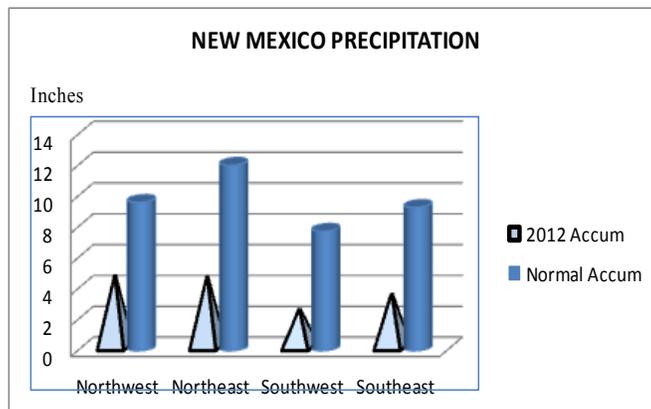


CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS					
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	3rd Cut	100	98	99	92
Alfalfa	4th Cut	75	47	62	61
Alfalfa	5th Cut	20	6	14	16
Chile	Hvst Green	15	11	19	23
Corn	Silked	81	75	81	93
Corn	Dough	25	15	17	34
Corn	Dent	7	6	6	11
Cotton	Squaring	91	89	97	97
Cotton	Setting Boll	60	50	52	67
Onion	Harvested	98	92	89	96
Peanut	Pegging	87	67	64	71
Sorghum	Headed	23	16	24	36

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	5	4	18	70	3
Chile	3	4	43	45	5
Corn	1	7	48	25	19
Cotton	3	8	28	21	40
Peanut	3	5	73	15	4
Sorghum	39	25	29	7	-
Cattle	14	39	40	7	-
Sheep	24	45	21	10	-

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	48	42	9	1
Northeast	71	29	-	-
Southwest	28	37	35	-
Southeast	49	51	-	-
State Current	53	39	8	-
State-Last Week	56	33	11	-
State-Last Year	59	33	8	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	19	32	47	2

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	42	37	19	2	-
Northeast	67	29	4	-	-
Southwest	16	35	37	12	-
Southeast	55	36	9	-	-
State Current	51	34	13	2	-
State-Last Week	51	34	13	2	-
State-Last Year	51	36	13	-	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	14	21	31	28	6



### Weather Summary

New Mexico weather during the past week had an upper level high pressure center parked over the Four Corners area and couple of cold fronts move into the state. The first stalled over the far Northeast and second move more West and South bringing moisture. The temperatures were 2 to 12 degrees above normal. Rainfall reports 1.08 at Red River, Gallup 0.66 and only 0.01 at Clayton.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – August 6 – August 12, 2012									
Station	Temperature			Precipitation					
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 06 Aug –12 Aug	Month 01 Aug-12 Aug	Accum. 01 Jan-12 Aug	Normal Aug	Normal Jan-Aug	
<b>Northwest</b>									
Albuquerque	82.1	98	65	0.38	0.40	4.07	1.64	6.06	
Chama	65.4	87	44	0.70	0.81	9.95	2.82	13.90	
Farmington	78.2	97	60	0.00	0.00	1.43	1.05	5.36	
Gallup	75.1	94	52	0.66	0.92	3.99	2.26	8.36	
Grants	70.6	93	49	0.10	1.00	5.47	2.16	6.95	
Johnson Ranch	73.4	94	53	0.00	0.00	0.98	2.29	7.72	
Los Alamos	73.3	93	55	0.08	0.34	4.05	3.52	13.18	
Red River	60.5	84	39	1.08	1.08	9.18	3.10	15.03	
Santa Fe	76.1	96	56	0.45	0.64	3.13	2.39	10.03	
<b>Northeast</b>									
Capulin	75.0	93	50	-	0.20	7.77	2.56	13.08	
Clayton	80.9	102	59	0.01	0.45	3.93	2.61	11.61	
Clovis	82.1	100	63	0.08	0.08	1.79	3.17	12.74	
Las Vegas	72.6	92	53	0.28	1.15	5.51	4.27	13.87	
Moriarty	72.7	93	52	0.72	2.20	7.07	2.69	9.06	
Raton	78.5	100	53	0.36	0.43	5.40	3.21	13.03	
Roy	77.2	97	58	0.05	0.62	2.53	2.81	11.84	
Tucumcari	85.1	107	65	0.37	0.43	3.12	2.41	10.98	
<b>Southwest</b>									
Animas	83.9	101	65	0.03	0.03	3.45	2.34	7.08	
Deming	84.1	101	64	-	-	1.47	2.05	6.48	
Gran Quivira	75.5	96	56	0.01	0.17	2.94	3.27	10.79	
Quemado	70.6	88	49	0.24	0.71	4.41	3.12	9.68	
Socorro	82.9	100	64	0.00	0.00	0.89	1.90	5.84	
T or C	83.7	99	66	0.00	-	1.76	2.15	6.59	
<b>Southeast</b>									
Alamogordo	83.2	100	66	0.00	0.02	0.31	2.41	7.92	
Carlsbad	85.4	107	66	-	-	5.64	2.25	7.99	
Carrizozo	77.3	96	56	0.17	0.17	2.43	2.69	8.24	
Las Cruces	84.8	100	68	0.00	0.10	2.03	2.29	5.92	
Roswell	82.8	105	64	0.03	0.07	3.51	2.03	8.77	
Ruidoso	67.9	88	48	0.71	0.76	5.93	4.04	15.03	
Tatum	81.7	102	62	0.04	0.04	4.62	2.48	11.17	

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