



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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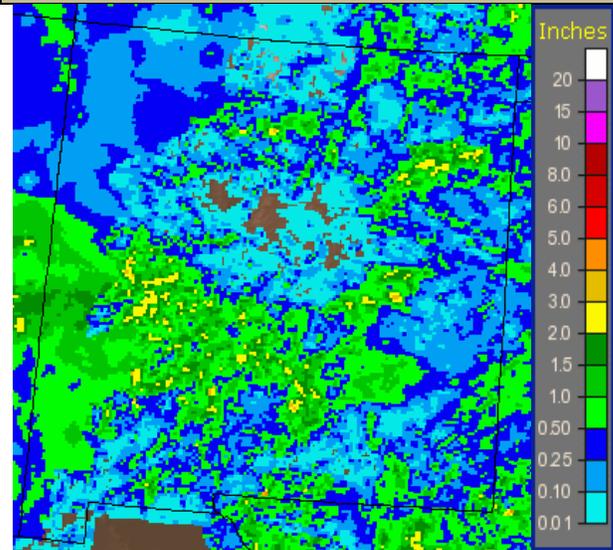
Crop Weather

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING August 26, 2012

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good; fourth cutting 96% complete; fifth cutting 36% complete. Cotton conditions were mostly excellent; 100% squared; 86% setting bolls; 5% bolls opening. Corn conditions were mostly fair; 98% silked; 38% dough; 12% dent; 35% silage harvested. Sorghum conditions were mostly very poor; 43% headed; 4% turning color. Peanut conditions were mostly fair; 88% pegging. Chile conditions were mostly fair; 26% green harvested. Apple conditions were mostly good. Pecan conditions were mostly good. Cattle conditions were mostly fair. Sheep conditions were mostly poor. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for field-work were 6.6. Topsoil moisture was 50% very short, 43% short and 7% adequate. Wind damage was 17% light, 2% moderate and 1% severe; with cotton 75% damaged and sorghum 49% damaged. 1% light hail damage reported this week.

Seven Day Observed Precipitation August 27, 2012



Additional Comments: **Taos:** The County has received rain showers that have improved the dry conditions on crop and grazing lands. Production counts on hay crops are 30%-50% below average. **De Baca:** Scattered rain on August 24th throughout the county will help dry pastures green up. **Guadalupe:** No significant rainfall this week. Ranchers continue to supplemental feed and reduce herd through culling stock. **Eddy:** Pecan hit by early hail and wind have recovered better than I thought they would. Some spot rain great if you were in the right spot, not so good if you weren't. Some rain on hay, had to cut it to make it rain. No water, hardly left for ditch. Producers are wondering what to do for next year.

CROP PROGRESS
PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	4th Cut	96	87	89	82
Alfalfa	5th Cut	36	36	34	33
Chile	Hvst Green	26	20	45	51
Corn	Silked	98	93	95	99
Corn	Dough	38	25	47	65
Corn	Dent	12	9	24	33
Corn	Silage Hvst	35	12	-	1
Cotton	Squaring	100	96	100	100
Cotton	Setting Boll	86	68	69	80
Peanut	Pegging	88	80	79	87
Sorghum	Headed	43	33	54	64

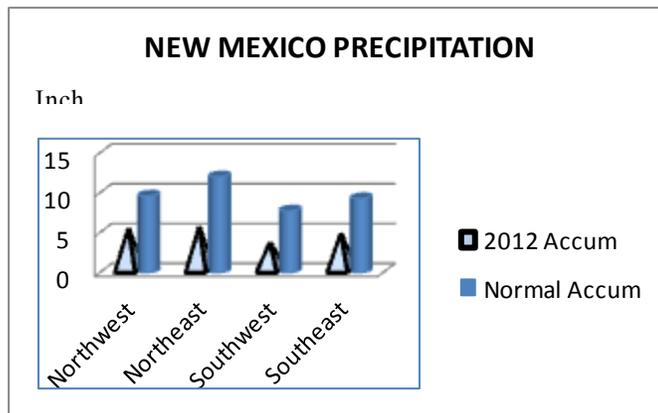
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	5	7	16	71	1
Chile	3	10	47	35	5
Corn	2	9	34	27	28
Cotton	5	20	29	17	29
Peanut	8	25	67	-	-
Sorghum	46	25	27	2	-
Cattle	9	35	37	11	8
Sheep	27	37	28	8	-

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	46	46	7	1
Northeast	57	40	3	-
Southwest	47	37	16	-
Southeast	46	49	5	-
State Current	50	43	7	-
State-Last Week	49	35	16	-
State-Last Year	62	33	5	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	22	36	40	2

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	40	39	18	3	-
Northeast	58	38	4	-	-
Southwest	-	27	57	16	-
Southeast	61	23	16	-	-
State Current	47	32	18	3	-
State-Last Week	49	35	14	2	-
State-Last Year	56	30	11	2	1
State-5-Yr Avg.	16	19	32	26	6



Weather Summary

The temperatures were one to six degrees above normal for the past week. An upper level, low pressure system moved into the four corners on Thursday spreading some showers and thunderstorms across much of New Mexico.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – August 20– August 26, 2012								
Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 20 Aug–26 Aug	Month 01 Aug-26 Aug	Accum. 01 Jan-26 Aug	Normal Aug	Normal Jan-Aug
Northwest								
Albuquerque	75.6	93	62	0.06	1.62	5.29	1.64	6.06
Chama	60.7	82	39	0.13	1.21	10.35	2.82	13.90
Farmington	72.5	93	53	0.26	0.26	1.69	1.05	5.36
Gallup	68.8	90	47	0.13	1.16	4.23	2.26	8.36
Grants	67.5	88	47	0.18	1.26	5.73	2.16	6.95
Johnson Ranch	65.5	88	34	0.00	0.00	0.98	2.29	7.72
Los Alamos	66.0	82	54	0.59	1.28	4.99	3.52	13.18
Red River	56.1	74	39	0.35	1.93	10.03	3.10	15.03
Santa Fe	70.6	88	56	0.53	1.51	4.00	2.39	10.03
Northeast								
Capulin	67.7	87	45	0.52	1.23	8.80	2.56	13.08
Clayton	72.4	89	56	0.36	0.97	4.45	2.61	11.61
Clovis	75.5	93	60	0.19	0.56	2.27	3.17	12.74
Las Vegas	67.4	84	50	0.25	1.68	6.04	4.27	13.87
Moriarty	68.9	90	52	0.07	2.54	7.41	2.69	9.06
Raton	71.0	91	49	0.61	1.72	6.69	3.21	13.03
Roy	69.2	85	53	0.83	2.48	4.39	2.81	11.84
Tucumcari	78.6	97	61	0.24	0.87	3.56	2.41	10.98
Southwest								
Animas	78.3	94	60	0.58	1.21	4.63	2.34	7.08
Deming	79.1	96	61	0.95	1.06	2.53	2.05	6.48
Gran Quivira	69.4	89	53	0.15	0.97	3.74	3.27	10.79
Quemado	64.8	83	47	1.79	2.66	6.36	3.12	9.68
Socorro	75.6	93	60	0.58	0.58	1.47	1.90	5.84
T or C	77.6	93	61	-	0.31	2.07	2.15	6.59
Southeast								
Alamogordo	78.9	95	62	0.23	0.31	0.60	2.41	7.92
Carlsbad	80.9	97	65	1.33	1.67	7.31	2.25	7.99
Carrizozo	72.2	89	57	0.54	1.29	3.55	2.69	8.24
Las Cruces	80.9	96	65	0.45	0.75	2.68	2.29	5.92
Roswell	78.7	98	62	0.61	1.08	4.52	2.03	8.77
Ruidoso	64.8	79	47	0.60	2.40	7.57	4.04	15.03
Tatum	75.9	94	61	0.47	1.56	6.14	2.48	11.17

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