NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good; fifth cutting 98% complete; sixth cutting 44% complete. Cotton conditions were mostly poor to fair; 98% setting bolls; 52% bolls opening. Corn conditions were mostly fair to good; 90% dent; 60% mature; 83% silage harvested. Sorghum conditions were mostly very poor to poor; 95% headed; 36% turning color. Winter wheat 63% planted. Peanut conditions were poor; 100% pegging. Lettuce conditions were mostly good; 99% planted. Chile conditions were mostly fairly to good; 90% green harvested. Apple conditions were mostly fair to good; 80% harvested. Pecan conditions were mostly good to excellent. Cattle conditions were mostly poor to fair. Sheep conditions were mostly poor to very poor. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.8. Topsoil moisture was 39% very short, 46% short and 15% adequate. Wind damage was 5% light, 2% moderate and 2% severe; with cotton 80% damaged and sorghum 55% damaged. No hail damage was reported this week.

Additional Comments: Curry: Cloudy and cooler conditions improving crop production prospects and lessening stress on livestock with very limited moisture this past week. Some areas received showers, though not significant. Wheat pastures that are planted have received noticeable benefit. Livestock auctions showing increased numbers due to continued drought conditions and chances of significant pasture growth deteriorating due to probability of frost before grass can mature. Alfalfa growth is slowing down and production coming to an end.

Guadalupe: Scattered showers received in the county on 9/27/12 about ½”. Farmers are busy cutting and baling hay. Ranchers are still supplemental feeding and culling herd due to shortage of native range grass. Gardeners are harvesting Chile, melons, pumpkins, and other crops. Eddy: Much needed rain a little too late for Eddy County for native grass but will help south Eddy county alfalfa farmers. Received 2-3” in areas of the county over the weekend. Rain will help get a little ground moisture in and maybe some winter weeds started.
Residual moisture from Hurricane Miriam made its way over the Land of Enchantment to bring some cooler temperatures and additional precipitation. Locations that received the most precipitation include Carlsbad with a whopping 2.64 inches, Tatum with 1.17 inches and Raton with 0.75 inches. Temperatures slightly cooler than normal were seen across the state thanks to increased cloud coverage through the week. Locations whose temperatures were the furthest below normal include Farmington, Chama and Roswell all at 5 degrees below normal.