NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good; sixth cutting 65% complete; seventh cutting 18% complete. Cotton conditions were mostly fair; 88% bolls opening; 3% harvested. Corn conditions were mostly fair; 72% mature; 92% silage harvested. Sorghum conditions were mostly very poor to fair; 72% turning color; 25% mature; 1% harvested. Winter wheat conditions mostly fair to poor; 98% planted; 66% emerged. Peanut conditions were poor to fair; 29% harvested. Lettuce conditions were mostly good; 5% harvested. Chile conditions were mostly good; 100% green harvested; 15% harvested red. Apple conditions were mostly good; 87% harvested. Pecan conditions were mostly good to excellent. Cattle conditions were mostly fair to very poor. Sheep conditions were mostly very poor to poor. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.9. Topsoil moisture was 53% very short, 37% short and 10% adequate. Wind damage was 4% light, 2% moderate and 2% severe; with cotton 85% damaged and sorghum 70% damaged. 10% light hail damage was reported this week.

Additional Comments:

Rio Arriba: Parts of the county received some rainfall this week. Producers continue to feed and haul water to livestock.

Taos: Hay production in the county is 100% complete. Pastures continue to get drier as we have not received any precipitation.

Quay: Some rainfall received this week. Most pastures are very dry and have very little grass growth. Some cool season forbs doing well and growing. Cattle numbers continue to be reduced due to drought. Conditions of cattle remain fair to good in most areas. Wheat crop is planted and has had a good start with moisture.

Dona Ana: Harvest of Pawnee Pecans has already finished. Shucks splitting on other pecans. Elephant Butte Lake <3% of capacity. At present no plans for irrigation release in year 2013.
Weather Summary

The week started off with 2 to 11 degrees above average temperatures. By midweek a low pressure system from the West brought much cooler temperatures following showers and thunderstorms across the state. Locations with the highest rain amounts were Clayton with 1.97 in., Clovis with 0.98 in., and Chama with .52 in.