



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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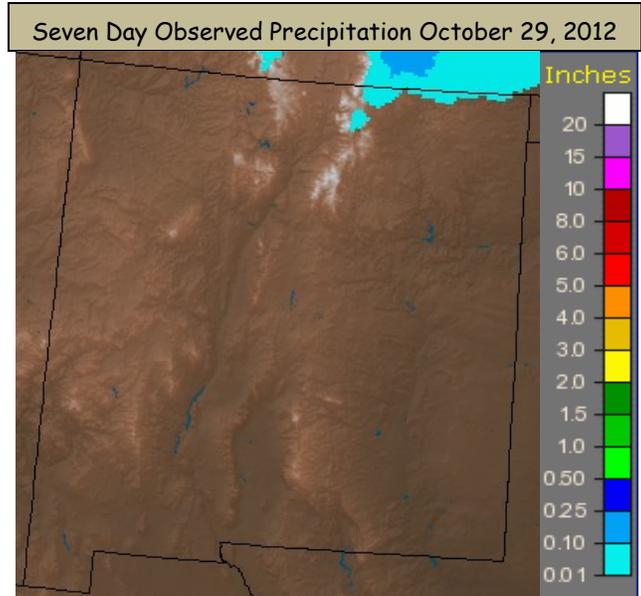
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Crop Weather

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING October 28, 2012

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good; sixth cutting 88% complete; seventh cutting 56% complete. Cotton conditions were mostly poor to fair; 100% bolls opening; 15% harvested. Corn conditions were mostly good; 95% mature; 25% grain harvested; 100% silage harvested. Sorghum conditions were mostly poor to very poor; 94% turning color; 51% mature; 11% harvested. Winter wheat conditions mostly fair to poor; 100% planted; 83% emerged. Peanut conditions were mostly poor; 55% harvested. Lettuce conditions were mostly good; 55% harvested. Chile conditions were mostly good to fair; 35% harvested red. Apple conditions were mostly good; 95% harvested. Pecan conditions were mostly excellent to good. Cattle conditions were mostly poor to very poor. Sheep conditions were mostly poor. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 7. Top-soil moisture was 57% very short, 35% short and 8% adequate. Wind damage was 4% light, 2% moderate and 2% severe; with cotton 85% damaged and sorghum 70% damaged. No hail damage was reported this week.



CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS					
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	6th Cut	88	74	96	77
Alfalfa	7th Cut	56	33	56	34
Chile	Hvst Red	35	22	37	50
Corn	Mature	95	80	100	96
Corn	Silage Hvst	100	95	99	60
Cotton	Bolls Opn	100	90	99	96
Cotton	Hvstd	15	8	32	22
Lettuce	Hvstd	55	8	76	46
Peanut	Hvstd	55	40	41	60
Sorghum	Mature	51	34	61	62
Sorghum	Trn Color	94	81	94	99
W Wheat	Planted	100	99	99	99
W Wheat	Emerged	83	75	89	95

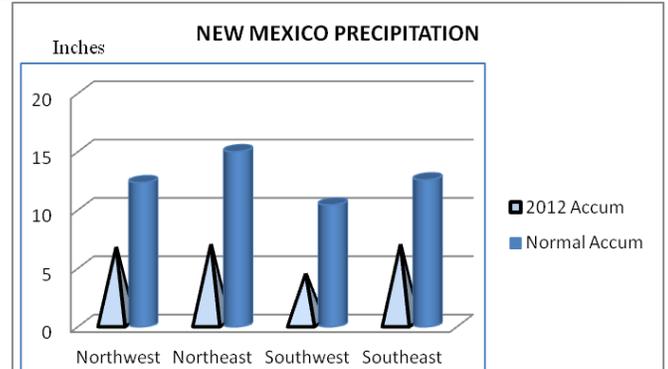
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	4	8	29	50	9
Chile	-	-	38	45	17
Corn	2	7	33	55	3
Cotton	6	22	32	25	15
Lettuce	11	1	22	44	22
Peanut	20	60	20	-	-
Sorghum	30	36	26	8	-
Cattle	20	30	25	18	7
Sheep	24	44	22	10	-

Additional Comments: Curry: Cotton harvesting underway. Alfalfa farmers winding up the final cutting after frost. Wheat planting completed with most emerged. Irrigated still short in most places with very little nearing the stocking stage. Dryland also emerged but very short and needs moisture soon to have any possibility of producing grazing. Livestock producers still reducing or dispersing herds. Livestock conditions still good but range conditions and cost of feed convincing many that it is more profitable to take today's good prices rather than attempting to winter their herds. Luna/grant: Pasture conditions have not changed much in the last week. Still no moisture and the only moisture the area had will not be enough to sustain any kind of forage for livestock.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	62	30	7	1
Northeast	73	27	-	-
Southwest	69	31	-	-
Southeast	28	48	24	-
State Current	57	35	8	-
State-Last Week	59	38	3	-
State-Last Year	51	40	9	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	20	42	38	-



RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	31	40	26	3	-
Northeast	72	23	5	-	-
Southwest	43	30	28	-	-
Southeast	58	30	12	-	-
State Current	53	31	15	1	-
State-Last Week	54	30	15	1	-
State-Last Year	58	29	9	3	1
State-5-Yr Avg.	17	22	31	25	5



Weather Summary

Near normal temperatures throughout New Mexico thanks to late week cold front. Only a trace of precipitation in the entire state found in Raton and Capulin.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – October 21 – October 28, 2012

Station	Temperature			Precipitation					
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 21 Oct – 28 Oct	Month 01 Oct-28 Oct	Accum. 01 Jan-28 Oct	Normal Oct	Normal Jan-Oct	
Northwest									
Albuquerque	55.1	80	32	0.00	-	5.73	0.89	7.95	
Chama	36.2	66	6	0.00	0.52	12.82	1.96	18.09	
Farmington	47.7	73	19	0.00	0.08	2.44	0.85	7.18	
Gallup	43.9	71	13	0.00	0.16	5.36	1.29	10.96	
Grants	47.5	76	15	0.00	0.04	6.46	1.05	9.56	
Johnson Ranch	43.3	73	13	0.00	0.00	1.31	1.11	10.16	
Los Alamos	46.5	69	21	0.00	0.02	6.75	1.32	16.62	
Red River	38.1	61	18	0.00	0.46	13.02	1.46	18.15	
Santa Fe	45.4	72	17	0.00	0.18	5.26	1.04	12.58	
Northeast									
Capulin	47.1	79	19	0.00	-	9.93	0.97	16.27	
Clayton	51.1	85	25	0.00	2.09	6.86	0.90	14.28	
Clovis	55.4	86	25	0.00	0.98	3.62	1.34	16.24	
Las Vegas	48.2	74	21	0.00	0.36	7.24	1.51	17.78	
Moriarty	46.9	76	14	0.00	0.20	9.17	1.10	11.77	
Raton	47.2	78	20	0.00	0.53	8.64	0.97	15.61	
Roy	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	4.58	1.05	14.79	
Tucumcari	58.0	88	30	0.00	0.32	4.42	0.94	13.39	
Southwest									
Animas	59.7	84	36	0.00	0.00	5.83	1.15	9.91	
Deming	57.4	84	34	0.00	0.16	3.44	0.98	9.09	
Gran Quivira	32.7	75	22	0.00	0.05	4.56	1.27	14.01	
Quemado	47.8	70	20	0.00	-	7.71	1.18	12.59	
Socorro	57.1	84	30	0.00	0.00	1.70	1.11	8.48	
T or C	58.9	85	32	0.00	0.02	2.45	0.95	8.62	
Southeast									
Alamogordo	58.3	84	31	0.00	0.40	1.88	1.30	11.21	
Carlsbad	58.9	89	31	0.00	-	10.29	1.05	11.79	
Carrizozo	53.9	79	26	0.00	0.37	4.16	1.19	11.31	
Las Cruces	59.1	85	34	0.00	0.00	5.23	0.91	8.19	
Roswell	55.9	88	30	0.00	1.22	6.98	1.19	11.83	
Ruidoso	50.3	74	20	0.00	0.00	10.46	1.31	18.84	
Tatum	56.1	88	26	0.00	0.56	8.60	1.49	15.02	

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