



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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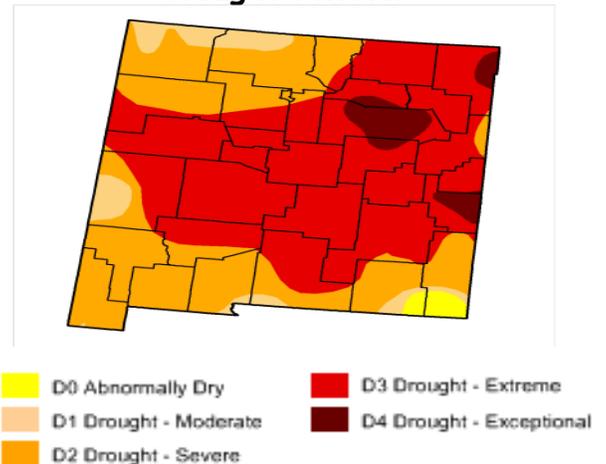
Crop Weather

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING April 14, 2013

**NEW MEXICO:** Alfalfa conditions ranged from good to fair; 8% first cutting complete. Cotton 6% planted. Corn 6% planted. Winter wheat ranged from poor to excellent; with 10% headed; 42% grazed. Lettuce condition was mostly excellent to good. Chile condition was mostly fair; 67% planted. Onion conditions were mostly good. Cattle conditions ranged from very poor to good. Sheep conditions were mostly fair. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.7. Topsoil moisture was 80% very short, 17% short and 3% adequate. Wind damage was 25% light, 11% moderate and 1% severe; with winter wheat 25% damaged and onions 3% damaged. Freeze damage was 32% light and 3% moderate; with winter wheat 20% damaged and onions 5% damaged.

Drought Monitor



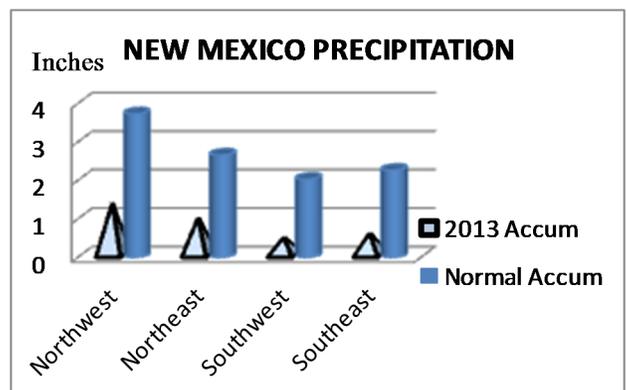
**Additional Comments:** **Curry:** Rangelands needing rainfall soon to get growing season started on native grasses. **Colfax:** Fruit trees had 80% moderate freeze damage. **Guadalupe:** Rangelands need rain to get grass started for this growing season. Irrigation water was available for Anton Chico and Dilia. Irrigation flow not expected to last long. **Lea:** Everything is extremely dry! Crops are behind schedule. Live-stock are in the worst condition in three years. Body condition scores are below average and lower. **Rio Arriba:** Cool temperatures have slowed plant growth this week. **Taos:** Producers are reducing their herd numbers to half or one third because, not enough feed can be obtained due to on-going drought conditions.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS					
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Chile	Planted	67	60	79	72
Onion	Planted	100	98	100	100
W Wheat	Grazed	35	35	46	-

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	3	4	32	52	9
Chile	-	-	75	25	-
Lettuce	10	-	2	55	33
Onion	-	-	39	50	11
Winter Wheat	49	23	14	7	7
Cattle	13	29	42	16	-
Sheep	27	31	30	12	-

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	68	31	1	-
Northeast	96	4	-	-
Southwest	50	-	50	-
Southeast	70	30	-	-
State Current	80	17	3	-
State-Last Week	79	6	15	-
State-Last Year	69	25	6	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	50	32	17	1

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	35	38	26	1	-
Northeast	85	13	2	-	-
Southwest	44	51	5	-	-
Southeast	58	32	10	-	-
State Current	62	28	10	-	-
State-Last Week	75	20	5	-	-
State-Last Year	66	23	8	3	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	26	32	32	10	-



### Weather Summary

In New Mexico this week, a cold weather system passed through New Mexico early in this week, providing precipitation across the north and northwest. Some of the higher precipitation amounts include Chama with 0.64 inches, Los Alamos with 0.56 inches and Farmington with 0.48 inches. The system also brought sub-freezing low temperatures for most of the state on Wednesday. Temperatures rebounded late in the week but remained below normal

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - April 8 - April 15, 2013									
Station	Temperature			Precipitation					
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week	Month	Accum.	Normal	Normal	
				08 Apr - 14 Apr	01 Apr - 14 Apr	01 Jan -14 Apr	Apr	Jan-Apr	
<b>Northwest</b>									
Albuquerque	54.6	78	31	0.08	0.08	0.60	0.61	2.04	
Chama	35.8	61	4	0.64	0.64	4.01	1.70	7.46	
Farmington	45.4	69	22	0.48	0.49	1.67	0.65	2.55	
Gallup	45.0	72	21	0.38	0.38	1.74	0.59	2.90	
Grants	47.4	72	18	0.05	0.05	0.14	0.55	2.28	
Johnson Ranch	42.7	72	23	0.52	0.52	0.79	0.84	2.99	
Los Alamos	44.8	66	25	0.56	0.56	1.82	1.02	4.05	
Red River	32.4	54	14	0.31	0.31	3.78	2.02	6.54	
Santa Fe	46.1	71	20	0.00	-	0.58	0.77	2.84	
<b>Northeast</b>									
Capulin	39.4	73	6	0.01	0.08	1.70	0.93	3.14	
Clayton	46.1	80	15	-	-	0.75	0.94	2.04	
Clovis	53.4	83	21	-	-	1.35	0.92	2.85	
Las Vegas	43.9	71	12	0.04	0.04	0.41	0.90	2.64	
Moriarty	47.3	73	22	0.09	0.09	0.79	0.68	2.84	
Raton	44.1	74	11	0.05	0.07	1.27	1.22	3.15	
Roy	46.6	75	16	0.01	0.01	0.47	0.82	2.14	
Tucumcari	54.1	87	20	0.00	0.01	1.06	1.10	3.09	
<b>Southwest</b>									
Animas	59.6	80	36	0.00	-	0.63	0.22	2.01	
Deming	58.6	81	33	-	-	0.48	0.36	1.98	
Gran Quivira	50.0	74	24	0.02	0.02	0.77	0.77	2.85	
Quemado	42.7	67	19	0.23	0.23	0.61	0.48	2.17	
Socorro	58.6	84	35	0.07	0.09	0.30	0.41	1.70	
T or C	59.0	81	38	-	-	0.14	0.29	1.51	
<b>Southeast</b>									
Alamogordo	59.1	82	24	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.38	2.15	
Carlsbad	60.6	89	31	0.04	0.04	0.90	0.64	2.16	
Carrizozo	53.7	79	28	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.36	2.10	
Las Cruces	60.1	82	36	0.00	0.00	0.21	0.29	1.43	
Roswell	57	87	29	0.00	-	0.50	0.70	2.27	
Ruidoso	45.9	72	20	0.04	0.04	0.62	0.69	3.74	
Tatum	55.4	86	24	0.00	-	1.14	0.64	2.05	

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