



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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Crop Weather

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING April 21, 2013

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions ranged was fair to good; 18% first cutting complete. Cotton 21% planted. Corn 14% planted. Sorghum was 2% planted. Winter wheat was mostly very poor; with 8% headed; 40% grazed. Lettuce condition ranged from excellent to good. Chile condition ranged from good to fair; 75% planted. Onion conditions were mostly good. Cattle conditions ranged from very poor to good. Sheep conditions ranged from very poor to good. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.75. Topsoil moisture was 79% very short, 15% short and 6% adequate. Wind damage was 21% light, 9% moderate and 8% severe; with winter wheat 56% damaged and onions 3% damaged. Freeze damage was 26% light, 12% moderate, 1% severe; with winter wheat 50% damaged and onions 5% damaged. No hail damage reported.

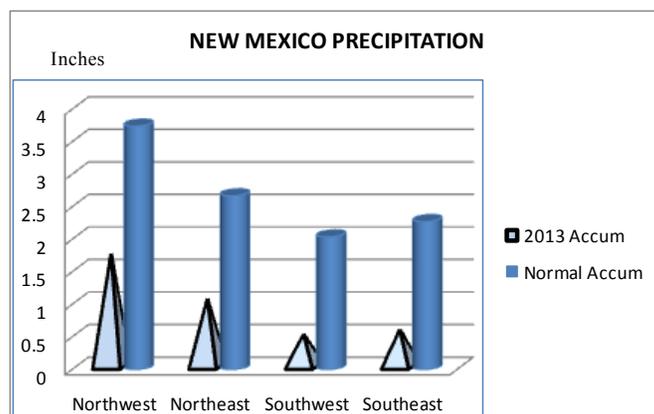
Additional Comments: **Curry:** Some freeze damage to irrigated wheat pasture in the past few days though too early to know the extent. No planting of corn at this time and no ground preparation. Cow-calf ranchers trying to hold a remnant of their herds, but many are selling a load or two a week, reducing grazing pressure of extremely dry and short pasture. No stocker operators in this area attempting to purchase calves for grazing until moisture becomes available. **DeBaca/Guadalupe:** Ranchers continue to feed but are also culling due to lack of rangeland grass. **Grant:** Drought conditions coupled with winds continue to deteriorate range conditions. **Hidalgo:** No rain and heavy winds continue to deteriorate conditions in Hidalgo County. Number of Cattle is down due to drought with cattleman continuing to sell off animals. Cattle are in poor condition and continue to be heavily supplemented. **Quay:** Conditions remain to be very dry with no recorded precipitation to date since small snows in Jan. Winds persist and blowing dust and sand are a detriment to crops in the southern plains. Dryland wheat crop is at a minimal and hasn't even provided enough forage for winter grazing. Most wheat has been plowed up due to winds and sand. A few late freezing temperatures have also posed a problem to local crops. **Santa Fe:** Light to Heavy winds throughout the course of the week. Tuesday through Thursday night dropped in sub-freezing temperatures. Insect activity continues to be minimal. Drought conditions continue to persist.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS					
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	1st cutting	18	8	20	14
Chile	Planted	75	67	86	83
Corn	Planted	14	6	9	13
Cotton	Planted	21	6	33	28
Sorghum	Planted	2	-	3	3
W Wheat	Grazed	40	29	54	-

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	9	9	33	41	8
Chile	-	-	55	45	-
Lettuce	-	-	-	63	37
Onion	-	-	31	50	19
Winter Wheat	63	8	18	11	-
Cattle	31	28	30	11	-
Sheep	33	32	27	8	-

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	66	31	3	-
Northeast	99	1	-	-
Southwest	60	7	33	-
Southeast	62	38	-	-
State Current	79	15	6	-
State-Last Week	80	17	3	-
State-Last Year	64	27	9	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	42	34	23	1

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	42	40	15	3	-
Northeast	87	11	2	-	-
Southwest	68	24	6	2	-
Southeast	67	24	9	-	-
State Current	69	23	7	1	-
State-Last Week	62	28	10	-	-
State-Last Year	55	26	10	7	2
State-5-Yr Avg.	25	34	30	10	1



Weather Summary

Average temperatures were below normal statewide. Some precipitation was recorded in Northern and Northeastern New Mexico.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – April 15 - April 21, 2013

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week	Month	Accum.	Normal	Normal
				15 Apr - 21 Apr	01 Apr - 21 Apr	01 Jan -21 Apr	Apr	Jan-Apr
Northwest								
Albuquerque	53.8	81	27	0.00	0.08	0.60	0.61	2.04
Chama	34.6	66	6	0.10	0.74	4.11	1.70	7.46
Farmington	46.6	73	21	0.00	0.49	1.67	0.65	2.55
Gallup	43.0	71	6	0.00	0.38	1.74	0.59	2.90
Grants	46.4	75	10	0.00	0.05	0.14	0.55	2.28
Johnson Ranch	42.4	75	10	0.00	0.52	0.79	0.84	2.99
Los Alamos	48.1	71	24	0.00	0.56	1.82	1.02	4.05
Red River	34.2	60	6	0.33	0.64	4.11	2.02	6.54
Santa Fe	48.4	77	18	0.01	0.01	0.59	0.77	2.84
Northeast								
Capulin	39.9	73	10	0.23	0.31	1.93	0.93	3.14
Clayton	44.1	76	19	0.02	0.02	0.77	0.94	2.04
Clovis	53.6	84	23	0.00	-	1.35	0.92	2.85
Las Vegas	43.4	72	15	-	0.04	0.41	0.90	2.64
Moriarty	48.0	76	20	0.00	0.09	0.79	0.68	2.84
Raton	42.0	73	15	0.22	0.29	1.49	1.22	3.15
Roy	44.4	74	10	0.00	0.01	0.47	0.82	2.14
Tucumcari	53.4	86	24	0.00	0.01	1.06	1.10	3.09
Southwest								
Animas	59.4	84	34	0.00	-	0.63	0.22	2.01
Deming	59.3	84	32	-	-	0.48	0.36	1.98
Gran Quivira	50.7	75	19	0.00	0.02	0.77	0.77	2.85
Quemado	44.9	70	13	0.00	0.23	0.61	0.48	2.17
Socorro	57.6	82	32	0.00	0.09	0.30	0.41	1.70
T or C	58.5	82	30	0.00	-	0.14	0.29	1.51
Southeast								
Alamogordo	57.1	84	27	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.38	2.15
Carlsbad	64.9	92	32	0.00	0.04	0.90	0.64	2.16
Carrizozo	52.9	78	19	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.36	2.10
Las Cruces	60.0	85	35	0.00	0.00	0.21	0.29	1.43
Roswell	60.0	88	32	0.00	-	0.50	0.70	2.27
Ruidoso	49.9	75	13	0.00	0.04	0.62	0.69	3.74
Tatum	57.5	88	23	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.