



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

nass-nm@nass.usda.gov

USDA/NASS NEW MEXICO FIELD OFFICE

Issue 2013 07 15 CW

INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE - July 15, 2013

Crop Weather

Available on the Internet: [www.nass.usda.gov/nm](http://www.nass.usda.gov/nm), or by email (1-800-530-8810 for information)

CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING July 14, 2013

**NEW MEXICO:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.7. Wind damage was 27% light and 6% moderate; with cotton 37% damaged and sorghum 32% damaged. Hail damage was 11% light; with corn 8% damaged, cotton 9% damaged, chile 8% damaged and alfalfa 12% damaged.

**Counties:** **Colfax:** Had some rain 2 weeks ago very spotty but it's all dried up now and the grass is turning yellow. Raton looks ok. **Curry:** Corn, cotton and milo all emerged. Irrigated fields are improving in condition. Few areas dry land crops have had enough rain to improve prospects but some areas are still too dry to expect high returns. Cattle and range conditions improved in most pastures. A few areas are still waiting on sufficient moisture to grow grass but most pastures are greening. Some producers anticipating letting pastures rest this year where livestock has been removed. **Quay/ Harding:** Still receiving spotty rainfall. Very high temperatures were reported this week. Based on spotty rainfall, producers are planting forage crops for hay such as hay grazer and cane in hopes that rains will continue. Native rangeland is improving in some areas. **Rio Arriba:** Just over the weekend a wide range of rain showers took place around the county. Some farmers have the first cut of grass hay down. **Santa Fe:** Isolated hail and rain showers were received throughout the course of the week in various areas of the county. Rain received varied from sprinkles to heavy soaking rain, thus causing temperatures to drop several degrees. Insect activity continues to increase gradually, particularly grasshoppers. **Taos:** Improvements on range and crop lands with rain showers throughout the county. The much needed moisture has pastures turning green and lifted some fire/grazing restrictions. Farmers are harvesting their first cut of alfalfa which has not grown much this crop year.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS					
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	2nd cut	88	74	100	97
Alfalfa	3rd cut	60	60	81	58
Corn	Emerged	99	97	100	100
Corn	Silking	23	18	28	34
Cotton	Squaring	60	45	67	69
Cotton	Set Bolls	33	24	24	22
Onions	Hvstd	80	75	80	81
Peanuts	Pegging	15	12	46	46
Sorghum	Planted	100	92	100	98
Sorghum	Headed	2	1	4	3
W Wheat	Hvstd	64	50	99	98

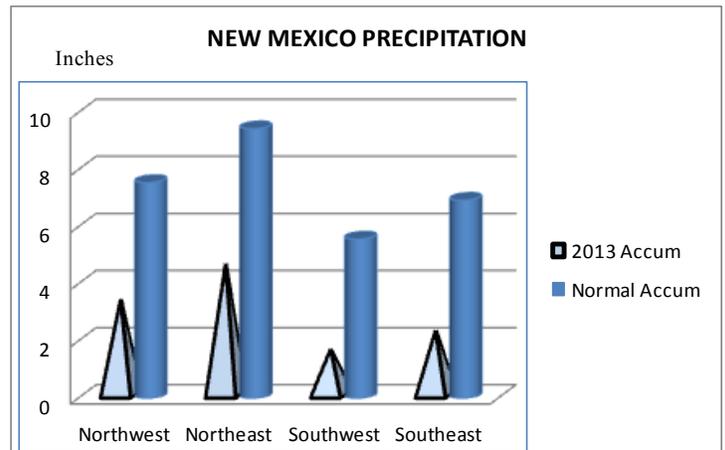
RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	71	25	4	-	-
Northeast	44	31	22	3	-
Southwest	100	-	-	-	-
Southeast	68	26	6	-	-
State Current	61	27	11	1	-
State-Last Week	55	33	12	-	-
State-Last Year	48	37	12	3	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	28	33	26	13	-

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	4	4	30	44	18
Chile	-	2	53	31	14
Corn	1	5	54	33	7
Cotton	5	22	41	14	18
Onion	-	-	31	46	23
Peanut	4	17	79	-	-
Pecan	2	4	44	50	-
Sorghum	-	28	60	12	-
Cattle	27	21	42	10	-
Sheep	48	15	24	13	-

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	35	30	27	8
Northeast	49	48	3	-
Southwest	100	-	-	-
Southeast	60	35	5	-
State Current	52	36	10	2
State-Last Week	68	28	4	-
State-Last Year	53	36	11	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	38	34	27	1

## Weather Summary

Average temperatures were above normal statewide. Much needed precipitation was recorded as well across all areas with daily rounds of showers and thunderstorms.



<b>NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - July 8 - July 14, 2013</b>									
Station	Temperature			Precipitation					
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 08 Jul - 14 Jul	Month 01 Jul - 14 Jul	Accum. 01 Jan - 14 Jul	Normal July	Normal Jan-Jul	
<b>Northwest</b>									
Albuquerque	81.2	97	66	0.54	1.09	1.79	1.50	4.70	
Chama	66.9	87	46	0.75	1.47	6.29	2.30	12.29	
Farmington	78.6	97	62	0.08	0.10	1.94	0.90	4.20	
Gallup	73.7	94	52	0.33	0.74	2.55	1.74	5.68	
Grants	73.5	93	54	0.67	1.18	1.46	1.62	5.03	
Johnson Ranch	72.9	94	50	0.32	0.52	1.85	1.87	6.23	
Los Alamos	71.9	89	55	2.16	2.43	4.74	2.79	9.78	
Red River	60.8	78	45	0.82	2.08	7.84	2.86	12.62	
Santa Fe	76.8	95	59	0.10	0.23	1.57	2.33	7.40	
<b>Northeast</b>									
Capulin	73.5	91	57	0.65	1.54	9.00	4.02	11.24	
Clayton	79.8	97	57	1.12	1.77	4.66	2.70	9.00	
Clovis	79.9	96	59	0.05	0.59	3.81	2.63	9.94	
Las Vegas	71.7	88	57	1.49	2.26	4.21	2.97	9.43	
Moriarty	74.9	95	56	0.07	0.70	1.56	1.94	6.92	
Raton	76.6	95	57	0.75	0.82	6.03	2.84	10.21	
Roy	76.5	91	61	0.00	0.32	1.77	2.97	9.03	
Tucumcari	84.3	100	63	0.28	0.89	5.62	2.56	9.68	
<b>Southwest</b>									
Animas	80.7	96	65	0.39	0.59	1.77	2.36	5.17	
Deming	84.0	99	67	0.36	0.63	1.14	2.19	5.30	
Gran Quivira	76.5	93	59	0.18	0.68	1.56	2.86	7.80	
Quemado	70.2	88	54	0.76	1.15	1.92	2.49	5.59	
Socorro	82.3	99	64	0.58	0.99	1.76	1.62	4.50	
T or C	82.1	98	66	0.62	1.02	1.37	2.13	5.05	
<b>Southeast</b>									
Alamogordo	84.3	100	68	0.03	0.28	0.83	1.81	5.24	
Carlsbad	84.6	100	68	0.00	0.45	1.96	2.01	6.87	
Carrizozo	79.1	95	62	0.00	0.19	1.53	2.05	5.55	
Las Cruces	86.0	100	71	0.00	0.23	0.57	1.53	4.02	
Roswell	82.4	98	64	0.00	1.78	2.45	2.20	7.49	
Ruidoso	69.0	90	50	0.01	0.36	1.64	3.65	10.64	
Tatum	79.9	98	63	0.00	1.48	6.71	2.52	8.69	

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