AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Average temperatures dipped cooler and rainfall increased across much of the State during the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Measureable rainfall was recorded at 45 of 46 reporting weather stations, with Animas being the only dry location during the week. Statewide, topsoil moisture levels improved from last week, with conditions rated 73 percent short to very short, compared with 49 percent last year and the 5-year average of 73 percent. The largest rainfall accumulation was reported at Carlsbad where 4.92 inches fell. Alcalde, Artesia, and Cloudcroft recorded over two inches, while 11 additional weather stations totaled 1 inch or more. Average temperatures varied from 8 degrees below to 3 degrees above normal. Daytime highs ranged from 71 degrees at Cloudcroft to 97 degrees at Fort Sumner. Overnight lows varied from 38 degrees at Quemado to 63 degrees at NMSU. Producers in some areas began seeding their 2017 winter wheat crop during the week, although reports from some counties suggested that progress would be later than normal due to less than adequate soil moisture. Some livestock producers were busy selling cattle because of the uncertainty in both sustainable feedstuffs for overwintering, as well as the market outlook. Comments from Union County indicated that recent rainfall had been moderate to heavy in most locations, restricting field access to just two days. Additionally, hail damaged corn that was not being harvested for silage was struggling to continue developing. Rainfall in Curry County was erratic, with much of the area still dry to exceedingly dry. Silage harvest in the county was progressing slowly; however, production was reportedly good. Reports from Dona Ana County showed that heavy rainfall in some areas affected yield potential, and in some cases caused a complete loss of chile, corn, cotton, pecans, sorghum, and some unharvested alfalfa hay. Widespread moisture fell in Lea County during the week, although reports indicated that additional rain was needed to boost pasture grass growth and to fill stock water tanks. Pecan nut set was reported as 24 percent light, 61 percent moderate, and 15 percent heavy. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 5 percent light, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 32 percent light, 5 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Stock water supplies were reported as 11 percent very short, 23 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

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