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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING September 29, 2013

NEW MEXICO: Days suitable for fieldwork were 7.0. Topsoil moisture was 22% very short, 32% short, 44% adequate and 2% surplus. Wind damage was 12% light, 7% moderate and 1% severe. No hail damage reported this week.

Counties: **Rio Arriba/Taos:** We had our first frost at elevations above 7,500 ft. **Colfax:** Those that have been able to get a stand of alfalfa up are on their second cutting. Producers that raked on Wednesday had a rough time due to winds. **Luna/Grant:** Due to the recent showers, pasture and range conditions have improved in some areas, while other areas have not received any adequate moisture. The drought has done considerable damage to the area and it will take time to fully recover. Some ranchers have sold off some or all of their herds due to the severity of the drought the past years. **Otero:** Moisture is still prevalent in most of the county. Range and pasture conditions are very good to improving. With last weeks rains and plenty of warm days left grass has responded very well. Pecans are progressing very well, many producers preparing for harvest in November. Pistachio producers are trying to get into fields to harvest, some are losing their crop due to wet conditions. Some producers getting ready to plant wheat for grazing with sufficient moisture. **Doña Ana:** Cabbage 100% planted. Pumpkins turning color; pistachios splitting.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	5th cut	88	85	97	83
Alfalfa	6th cut	31	26	42	34
Chile	Hvst Grn	95	92	90	92
Corn	Dough	100	98	100	100
Corn	Dent	90	85	89	87
Corn	Mature	55	48	59	54
Corn	Grain Hvst	4	2	-	2
Corn	Silage Hvst	75	71	83	48
Peanut	Hvst	15	5	-	10
Cotton	Bolls Opn	50	35	52	62
Wheat	Irr Plt	55	26	57	77
Wheat	Dry Plt	45	25	62	80
Lettuce	Planted	100	95	99	99
Sorghum	Headed	99	97	95	97
Sorghum	Trn Color	69	60	34	65
Sorghum	Mature	7	4	-	9

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	23	33	33	8	3
Northeast	12	37	50	1	-
Southwest	2	19	52	25	2
Southeast	18	30	12	18	22
State Current	15	30	33	14	8
State-Last Week	14	32	36	12	6
State-Last Year	49	35	14	2	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	25	23	26	21	5

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	13	21	65	-
Chile	-	3	15	82	-
Corn	5	15	30	40	10
Cotton	3	25	31	20	21
Peanut	5	40	50	5	-
Pecan	-	1	15	48	36
Sorghum	-	8	35	40	17
Cattle	4	19	35	40	2
Sheep	19	29	32	20	-

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	21	29	43	7
Northeast	-	62	38	-
Southwest	35	22	43	-
Southeast	17	37	46	-
State Current	22	32	44	2
State-Last Week	13	23	53	11
State-Last Year	41	45	14	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	28	39	33	-

Weather Summary

A Pacific front came through dropping temperatures in some areas 3 to 10 degrees and creating a few showers. Areas that received precipitation were: Cuba 1.39 inches, Red River 1.10 inches, Chama 1.09 inches and Santa Fe 0.38 inches.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - Sept 23 - Sept 29, 2013								
Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Mini- mum	<u>Week</u> 23 Sep - 29 Sep	<u>Month</u> 01 Sep - 29 Sep	<u>Accum.</u> 01 Jan - 29 Sep	<u>Normal</u> Sept	<u>Normal</u> Jan-Sep
Northwest								
Albuquerque	62.6	84	42	0.00	3.97	7.86	1.08	7.36
Chama	49.3	70	22	1.09	4.06	17.14	2.35	17.80
Farmington	56.9	81	33	0.46	3.25	6.92	1.04	6.50
Gallup	53.0	79	23	0.11	1.60	8.49	1.20	8.98
Grants	51.6	78	24	0.00	1.69	6.04	1.23	8.07
Johnson Ranch	43.9	73	27	1.39	4.79	10.06	1.32	9.94
Los Alamos	55.1	72	35	0.05	8.52	14.63	2.01	15.39
Red River	46.6	67	24	1.10	4.51	15.08	2.07	17.96
Santa Fe	53.6	75	31	0.38	3.26	8.99	1.54	11.17
Northeast								
Capulin	-	-	-	-	3.56	16.89	1.96	16.01
Clayton	63.0	83	38	0.44	4.81	12.66	1.77	13.38
Clovis	66.9	88	46	0.04	3.37	8.65	2.18	15.60
Las Vegas	56.1	76	31	0.00	6.39	14.26	2.25	15.41
Moriarty	55.7	78	29	0.61	5.58	10.58	1.48	10.77
Raton	57.5	81	32	0.00	3.75	14.93	1.74	14.98
Roy	60.2	80	38	0.00	5.42	7.50	1.90	13.74
Tucumcari	69.0	91	45	0.02	6.70	15.22	1.68	14.24
Southwest								
Animas	69.2	88	51	0.00	0.09	6.42	1.29	8.75
Deming	67.0	89	42	0.00	2.59	8.83	1.30	8.89
Gran Quivira	59.1	77	33	0.00	4.36	11.99	2.18	13.62
Quemado	-	-	-	-	-	3.72	1.81	9.94
Socorro	66.4	88	42	0.00	4.31	8.16	1.55	8.08
T or C	66.2	87	45	0.00	6.15	11.08	1.73	9.11
Southeast								
Alamogordo	67.7	88	42	0.00	2.58	7.17	1.48	8.91
Carlsbad	71.3	94	47	0.03	3.49	9.59	2.11	10.81
Carrizozo	59.0	81	31	0.00	3.75	11.70	1.88	10.12
Las Cruces	69.6	89	47	0.00	3.27	5.60	1.33	7.57
Roswell	69.2	91	43	0.00	4.16	9.29	2.00	12.40
Ruidoso	53.3	75	32	0.00	3.69	10.18	2.61	17.94
Tatum	67.2	93	40	0.07	0.46	9.59	2.36	13.53
(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction - All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official.								