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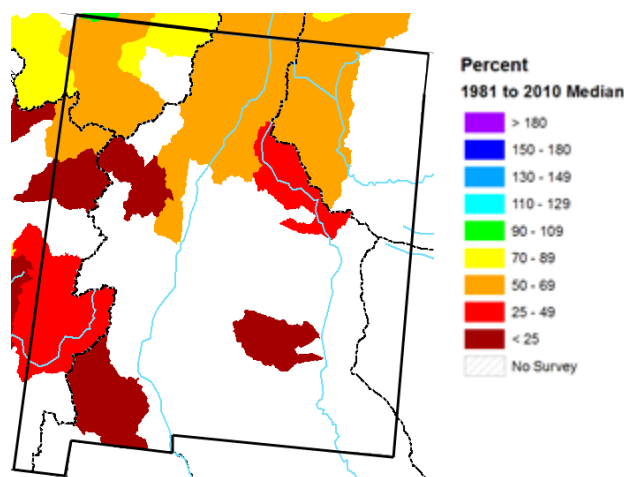
Crop Weather

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING April 7, 2013

**NEW MEXICO:** Alfalfa conditions were mostly fair to good. Winter wheat ranged from very poor to fair; with 35% of the total wheat grazed. Lettuce condition was mostly good. Chile was 60% planted. Onion conditions were mostly good; with 98% planted. Cattle conditions were mostly very poor to fair. Sheep conditions were mostly fair. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.8. Topsoil moisture was 79% very short, 6% short and 15% adequate. Wind damage was 23% light, 5% moderate and 10% severe; with winter wheat 42% damaged and onions 10% damaged. Freeze damage 15% light and 10% moderate.

### Colorado and Rio Grande Basin Mountain Snowpack as of April 1, 2013



CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS					
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Chile	Planted	60	55	71	63
Onion	Planted	98	96	93	99
W Wheat	Grazed	35	35	35	-

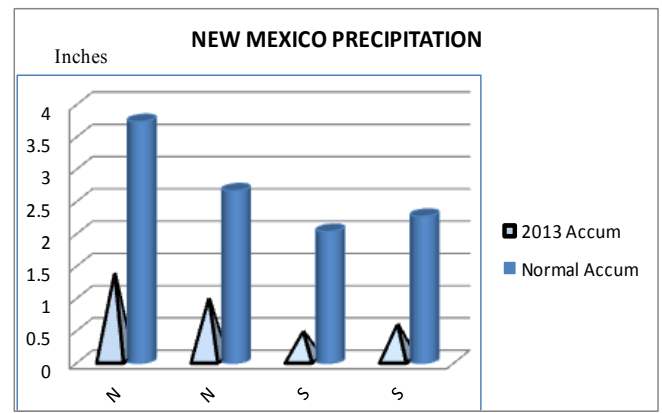
**Additional Comments:** Taos: Crops and grazing lands are still dormant in Taos County; conditions are too early in the season to determine at this time. De-baca: Rangeland pastures are dry; need rain to get started with grazing season. Guadalupe: Rangeland pastures are dry; need rain to get started with grazing season. Rio Arriba: Extremely dry conditions. Severe drought conditions continue to exist. Hard-ing: No winter moisture. Range land short and dry.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	7	9	45	37	2
Chile	-	-	75	25	-
Lettuce	10	-	2	55	33
Onion	-	-	35	46	19
Winter Wheat	1	12	60	13	14
Cattle	35	27	36	2	-
Sheep	10	16	53	21	-

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	67	30	3	-
Northeast	97	3	-	-
Southwest	50	-	50	-
Southeast	63	37	-	-
State Current	79	6	15	-
State-Last Week	84	11	5	-
State-Last Year	56	26	18	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	44	36	20	-

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	77	23	-	-	-
Northeast	83	17	-	-	-
Southwest	77	16	7	-	-
Southeast	97	3	-	-	-
State Current	75	20	5	-	-
State-Last Week	66	26	8	-	-
State-Last Year	65	18	11	5	1
State-5-Yr Avg.	27	31	30	12	-

### Weather Summary



A back door cold front pushed down into eastern and central parts of New Mexico early in the week bringing isolated areas of rain and show mostly in our eastern counties, along with colder temperatures. As high pressure moved back into the region on Wednesday precipitation ended and temperatures started to rebound. By the weekend, afternoon highs had warmed nicely into the 70s and 80s.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – April 1 - April 7, 2013								
Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 01 Apr - 07 Apr	Month 01 Apr - 07 Apr	Accum. 01 Jan -07 Apr	Normal Apr	Normal Jan-Apr
<b>Northwest</b>								
Albuquerque	59.1	76	39	0.00		0.52	0.61	2.04
Chama	40.6	64	16	0.00	0.00	3.37	1.70	7.46
Farmington	52.3	72	27	0.01	0.01	1.19	0.65	2.55
Gallup	46.4	72	18	0.00	-	1.36	0.59	2.90
Grants	49.6	75	18	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.55	2.28
Johnson Ranch	47.9	75	19	0.00	0.00	0.27	0.84	2.99
Los Alamos	50.1	69	25	0.00	0.00	1.26	1.02	4.05
Red River	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	3.47	2.02	6.54
Santa Fe	49.6	71	26	0.00	0.00	0.58	0.77	2.84
<b>Northeast</b>								
Capulin	47.5	75	23	0.07	0.07	1.69	0.93	3.14
Clayton	47.7	79	29	-	-	0.75	0.94	2.04
Clovis	54.7	82	27	0.00	-	1.35	0.81	2.30
Las Vegas	48.9	71	28	0.00	-	0.37	0.90	2.64
Moriarty	51.3	74	24	0.00	0.00	0.70	0.68	2.84
Raton	49.0	76	25	0.02	0.02	1.22	1.22	3.15
Roy	49.9	76	28	0.00	0.00	0.46	0.82	2.14
Tucumcari	53.6	85	29	0.01	0.01	1.06	1.10	3.09
<b>Southwest</b>								
Animas	64.1	85	42	0.00	0.00	0.63	0.22	2.01
Deming	61.5	85	39	0.00	0.00	0.48	0.36	1.98
Gran Quivira	53.6	72	23	0.00	0.00	0.75	0.77	2.85
Quemado	46.6	69	19	0.00	-	0.38	0.48	2.17
Socorro	64.3	83	39	0.02	0.02	0.23	0.41	1.70
T or C	63.9	82	41	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.29	1.51
<b>Southeast</b>								
Alamogordo	62.2	83	40	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.38	2.15
Carlsbad	62.9	89	35	0.00	0.00	0.86	0.64	2.16
Carrizozo	56.6	77	30	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.36	2.10
Las Cruces	63.7	85	42	0.00	0.00	0.21	0.29	1.43
Roswell	60.6	87	36	0.00	-	0.50	0.70	2.27
Ruidoso	48.9	72	26	0.00	0.00	0.58	0.69	3.74
Tatum	56.1	85	26	-	-	1.14	0.64	2.05

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