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### Crop Weather

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### CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING March 31, 2013

**NEW MEXICO:** Alfalfa conditions were mostly very poor to good. Winter wheat ranged from very poor to excellent; with 35% of the total wheat grazed. Lettuce condition was mostly good to excellent. Chile condition was mostly fair to good; with 55% planted. Onion conditions were mostly fair to excellent; with 96% planted. Cattle conditions were mostly fair. Sheep conditions were mostly fair. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.6. Topsoil moisture was 84% very short, 11% short and 5% adequate. Wind damage was 29% light, 11% moderate and 12% severe; with winter wheat 10% damaged. Freeze damage was 18% light, 17% moderate; with winter wheat 12% damaged.

#### CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

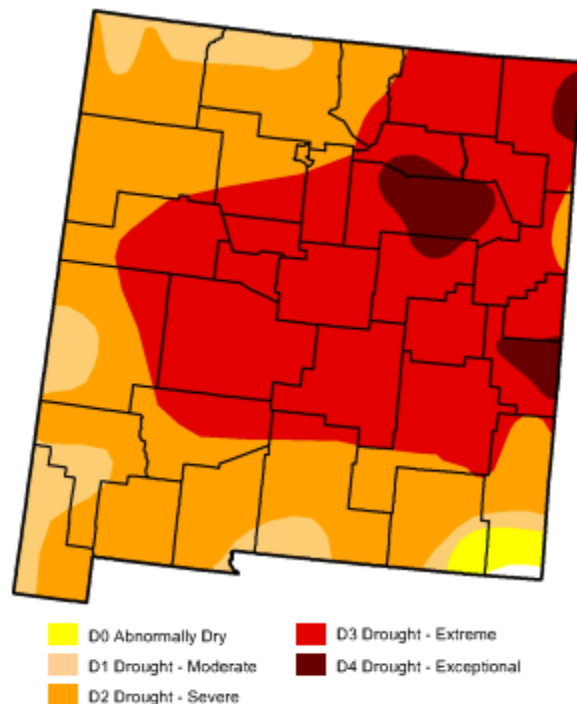
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Chile	Planted	55	-	47	44
Onion	Planted	96	-	43	87
W Wheat	Grazed	35	-	-	-

#### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	9	11	46	34	-
Chile	-	-	50	50	-
Lettuce	-	-	-	55	45
Onion	-	-	44	37	19
Winter Wheat	53	16	21	4	6
Cattle	25	19	40	16	-
Sheep	5	10	61	24	-

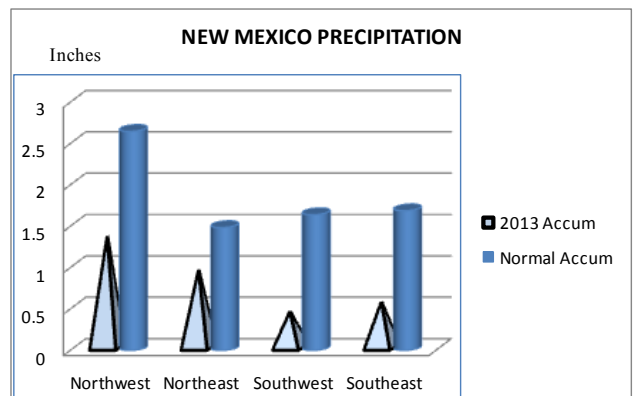
#### SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	73	25	2	-
Northeast	94	6	-	-
Southwest	90	10	-	-
Southeast	71	10	19	-
State Current	84	11	5	-
State-Last Week	-	-	-	-
State-Last Year	-	-	-	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	-	-	-	-



**Additional Comments:** **De Baca:** Rangeland pastures are in poor shape after dry winter. Recent winds have caused blowing in rangelands with lack of cover. Farmers have started to irrigate with concerns of a possible water shortage this growing season. **Eddy:** Carlsbad Irrigation District farmers were only allotted .3 acre foot of water for the year. With no winter precipitation received crop forecast for CID farmers is not looking good. Ranchers are supplemental feeding heavily. Some winter moisture has brought up a few weeds; in some areas of the county, but much more is needed for growing season of grasses to start. Some freeze damage on alfalfa. Cattle going to sales. **Guadalupe:** Range pastures are very dry. Recent high winds have caused blowing in both croplands and rangelands. Cattle culling and feeding continues. **Quay:** Conditions are very poor. Conchas Lake is at an all time low. No water allocation in the near future for irrigation purposes in the district. Extremely high winds on 3/23/13 damaged fields and rangeland.

Range and Pasture Condition					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	54	24	22	-	-
Northeast	84	16	-	-	-
Southwest	10	70	20	-	-
Southeast	53	36	11	-	-
State Current	66	26	8	-	-
State-Last Week	-	-	-	-	-
State-Last Year	-	-	-	-	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	-	-	-	-	-



## Weather Summary

This past week New Mexico had above average temperatures with mid to high level clouds and little precipitation. Temperatures in Santa Fe, Los Alamos and Tucumcari had risen 10 degrees above average. Areas that were fortunate to get little precipitation were Raton and Capulin with 0.1 inches, Las Vegas with a trace and Clayton with 0.03 inches.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – March 25 - March 31, 2013								
Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 25 Mar - 31 Mar	Month 01 Mar- 31 Mar	Accum. 01 Jan -31 Mar	Normal Mar	Normal Jan-Mar
Northwest								
Albuquerque	54.6	73	26	0.00	0.17	0.52	0.54	1.44
Chama	37.0	62	6	0.00	0.77	3.37	1.99	5.34
Farmington	48.6	71	20	0.00	0.19	1.18	0.81	1.97
Gallup	45.1	72	15	0.00	0.21	1.36	1.05	2.59
Grants	45.8	71	11	0.00	0.02	0.09	0.50	1.50
Johnson Ranch	36.5	67	7	0.00	0.05	0.27	0.74	1.98
Los Alamos	46.8	67	12	0.00	0.14	1.26	1.22	2.88
Red River	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.91	3.47	1.78	4.07
Santa Fe	44.4	70	15	0.00	0.23	0.58	0.74	2.06
Northeast								
Capulin	42.0	69	11	0.10	0.86	1.62	0.89	1.85
Clayton	47.8	73	12	0.03	0.25	0.74	0.55	1.10
Clovis	52.5	79	18	0.00		1.35	0.59	1.49
Las Vegas	44.6	68	9		0.06	0.37	0.63	1.71
Moriarty	43.4	70	13	0.00	0.10	0.70	0.53	1.44
Raton	43.3	73	12	0.10	0.23	1.20	0.83	1.84
Roy	44.1	70	12	0.00	0.03	0.46	0.55	1.32
Tucumcari	54.8	82	20	0.00		1.05	0.40	1.13
Southwest								
Animas	61.1	80	37	0.00		0.63	0.47	1.66
Deming	58.3	80	32	0.00	0.19	0.48	0.34	1.36
Gran Quivira	48.0	69	11	0.00	0.24	0.75	0.72	2.24
Quemado	44.9	74	18	0.00	0.10	0.38	0.80	2.35
Socorro	57.2	79	22	0.00	0.03	0.21	0.27	1.05
T or C	57.9	77	29	0.00	0.06	0.14	0.34	1.18
Southeast								
Alamogordo	54.9	80	21	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.46	1.67
Carlsbad	58.1	85	27	0.00		0.86	0.30	1.00
Carrizozo	48.9	75	22	0.00	0.26	0.50	0.57	1.74
Las Cruces	59.0	82	32	0.00	0.00	0.21	0.22	1.05
Roswell	53.1	83	21	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.45	1.34
Ruidoso	43.8	71	15	0.00	0.12	0.58	1.33	3.61
Tatum	51.4	83	18	0.00	0.04	1.14	0.52	1.41
(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction - All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official.								