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Crop Weather

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING September 22, 2013

NEW MEXICO: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.8. Topsoil moisture was 13% very short, 23% short, 53% adequate and 11% surplus. Wind damage was 16% light and 5% moderate. No hail damage reported this week.

Counties: Rio Arriba/Taos: Suffered severe flooding in areas around the Rio Chama. Many people are struggling to repair homes, fences, pastures and maintaining livestock. Rain showers throughout the county in recent weeks have brought much needed moisture. Hay crops are at their final stages of harvest. Majority of producers will leave the final cut as winter pasture. **Curry:** Moderate to good rainfall in some areas again this week. Pastureland conditions good to excellent in the surrounding area. Livestock conditions improving rapidly. All crops in good to excellent condition. Corn harvest, both silage and grain underway, though slowed by rain and muddy field conditions. Alfalfa harvest stopped due to rain. **Grant:** Much needed rains.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	4rd cut	100	99	100	99
Alfalfa	5th cut	85	77	90	77
Alfalfa	6th cut	26	9	25	22
Chile	Hvst Grn	92	90	87	88
Corn	Dough	98	96	100	99
Corn	Dent	85	80	79	79
Corn	Mature	48	28	54	42
Corn	Silage Hvst	71	47	77	45
Cotton	Set Bolls	100	93	94	96
Cotton	Bolls Opn	35	25	49	55
Wheat	Irr Plt	26	14	41	66
Wheat	Dry Plt	25	23	43	68
Lettuce	Planted	95	90	96	95
Sorghum	Headed	97	94	92	95
Sorghum	Trn Color	60	35	22	53
Sorghum	Mature	4	2	-	5

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	20	38	34	7	1
Northeast	-	62	16	17	5
Southwest	10	18	21	24	27
Southeast	14	24	53	9	-
State Current	14	32	36	12	6
State-Last Week	27	29	19	18	7
State-Last Year	50	27	19	4	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	26	22	28	20	4

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	2	15	18	58	7
Chile	-	10	31	55	4
Corn	1	5	19	57	18
Cotton	3	21	30	30	16
Peanut	5	40	50	5	-
Pecan	-	1	30	46	23
Sorghum	-	7	31	41	21
Cattle	2	13	31	48	6
Sheep	26	25	23	26	-

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	28	29	40	3
Northeast	-	30	67	3
Southwest	-	23	50	27
Southeast	12	10	65	13
State Current	13	23	53	11
State-Last Week	17	22	44	17
State-Last Year	55	37	8	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	29	35	35	1

Weather Summary

Average temperatures were 5 degrees below normal near Roy and 3 degrees over normal in the upper Tularosa valley and south central mountains. Other areas were 1 to 7 degrees above normal. Monsoonal rain continued around most parts of the state.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - Sept 16 - Sept 22, 2013								
Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Mini- mum	<u>Week</u> 16 Sep - 22 Sep	<u>Month</u> 01 Sep - 22 Sep	<u>Accum.</u> 01 Jan - 22 Sep	<u>Normal</u> Sept	<u>Normal</u> Jan-Sep
Northwest								
Albuquerque	70.5	84	58	0.62	3.97	7.86	1.08	7.36
Chama	55.1	71	37	0.82	2.97	16.05	2.35	17.80
Farmington	67.5	83	52	0.37	2.79	6.46	1.04	6.50
Gallup	64.2	82	45	0.10	1.49	8.38	1.20	8.98
Grants	61.5	77	46	0.16	1.69	6.04	1.23	8.07
Johnson Ranch	63.8	85	48	0.02	3.40	8.67	1.32	9.94
Los Alamos	62.0	73	46	1.25	8.47	14.58	2.01	15.39
Red River	51.6	69	36	0.67	3.41	13.98	2.07	17.96
Santa Fe	63.9	78	46	0.57	2.88	8.61	1.54	11.17
Northeast								
Capulin	62.9	80	47	0.46	3.56	16.89	1.96	16.01
Clayton	66.9	83	53	0.33	4.37	12.22	1.77	13.38
Clovis	67.6	82	53	2.45	3.37	8.65	2.18	15.60
Las Vegas	61.4	76	47	1.07	6.39	14.26	2.25	15.41
Moriarty	62.9	79	45	0.16	4.97	9.97	1.48	10.77
Raton	64.8	81	49	0.74	3.75	14.93	1.74	14.98
Roy	63.4	78	49	0.60	5.42	7.50	1.90	13.74
Tucumcari	70.4	87	59	1.13	6.68	15.20	1.68	14.24
Southwest								
Animas	73.2	89	52	0.00	0.09	6.42	1.29	8.75
Deming	72.0	86	55	0.57	2.59	8.83	1.30	8.89
Gran Quivira	64.1	78	47	0.72	4.36	11.99	2.18	13.62
Quemado	62.8	78	47	-	-	3.72	1.81	9.94
Socorro	72.4	87	56	0.12	4.31	8.16	1.55	8.08
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Southeast								
Alamogordo	71.2	84	56	0.37	2.58	7.17	1.48	8.91
Carlsbad	73.3	87	57	0.50	3.46	9.56	2.11	10.81
Carrizozo	65.3	79	47	0.08	3.75	11.70	1.88	10.12
Las Cruces	73.9	89	58	0.44	3.27	5.60	1.33	7.57
Roswell	71.3	85	55	0.43	4.16	9.29	2.00	12.40
Ruidoso	56.5	72	40	0.10	3.69	10.18	2.61	17.94
Tatum	69.1	85	49	0.24	0.39	9.52	2.36	13.53
(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction - All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official.								