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**Crop Weather**

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**CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING September 04, 2011**

**NEW MEXICO:** Alfalfa conditions were mostly good to fair; fourth cutting 95% complete; fifth cutting 40% complete. Corn was mostly fair to good; 99% silked; 77% dough; 39% dent; 2% mature. Corn silage was 15% harvested. Cotton was mostly poor to fair; 80% setting bolls; 20% bolls opening. Sorghum was mostly very poor to poor; 64% headed; 20% turning color. Peanuts were mostly fair; 93% pegging. Lettuce was 80% planted. Chile was mostly fair; 65% harvested green. Pecan conditions were mostly good to fair. Cattle conditions were mostly poor to fair. Sheep conditions were mostly poor to fair. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.9. Topsoil moisture was 56% very short, 39% short and 5% adequate. Wind damage was 15% light; 6% wind damage to cotton to date and 4% wind damage to sorghum to date.

**CROP PROGRESS  
PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS**

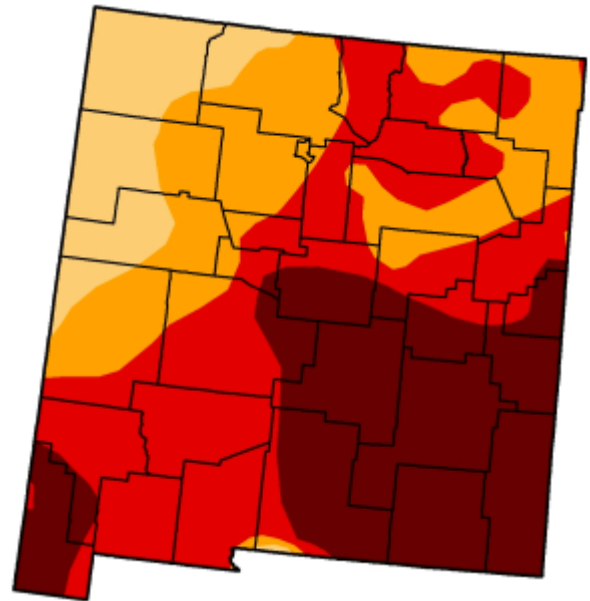
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	95	90	91	92
Alfalfa	5 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	40	34	51	47
Chile	Harvested	65	51	66	69
Corn	Silking	99	96	100	100
Corn	Dough	77	50	80	90
Corn	Dent	39	25	53	53
Cotton	Set Bolls	80	70	80	91
Cotton	Opening	20	17	16	20
Lettuce	Planted	80	60	57	78
Peanut	Pegging	93	80	92	95
Sorghum	Headed	64	59	82	72

**CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES**

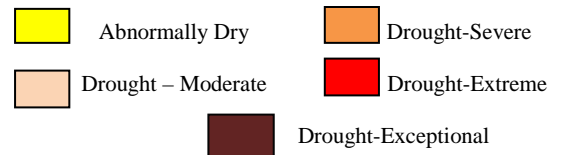
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	4	4	41	49	2
Chile	-	2	50	34	14
Corn	3	15	46	28	8
Cotton	14	30	24	17	15
Peanut	-	14	80	6	-
Pecan	-	1	35	48	16
Sorghum	40	23	32	5	-
Cattle	19	39	29	11	2
Sheep	19	43	34	4	-

**Additional: Curry:** Received a few scattered showers on Sunday, but not enough to have measurable differences. Corn being cut for silage. Drought conditions still stressing all segments of agriculture. Cattle producers still selling calves and less productive animals in an effort to save herds. Many now dispersing. Feed costs and scarce hay supplies forcing

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NEW MEXICO**



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**SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES**

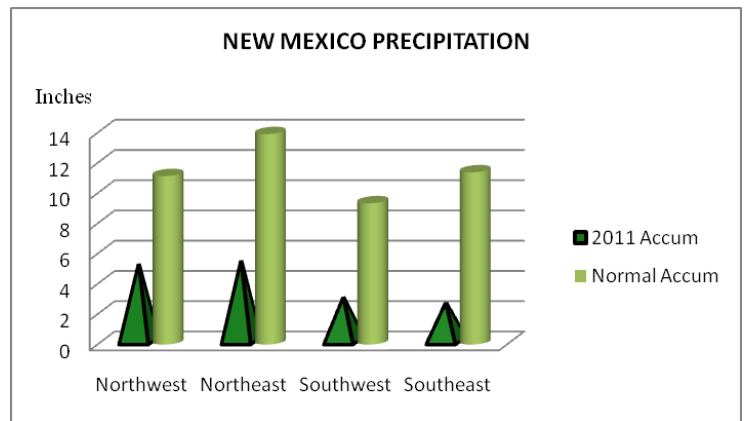
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	53	41	5	1
Northeast	59	34	7	-
Southwest	70	30	-	-
Southeast	47	50	3	-
State Current	56	39	5	-
State-Last Week	65	32	3	-
State-Last Year	13	30	54	3
State-5-Yr Avg.	12	33	49	16

many to cut losses and sell out. No action in wheat fields at this time. Ground preparation for planting not yet begun. **Roosevelt:** Cold Front was openly welcomed. Still need rain but helped everyone's disposition. **Rio Arriba:** Some precipitation in the higher mountains this week.

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	44	40	10	3	3
Northeast	45	28	15	7	5
Southwest	56	38	6	-	-
Southeast	77	15	8	-	-
State Current	56	27	11	3	3
State-Last Week	59	28	10	2	1
State-Last Year	3	13	35	41	8
State-5-Yr Avg.	7	17	32	35	9

### WEATHER SUMMARY

Temperatures were predominately above average across New Mexico, ranging from 3 degrees above normal in Roswell to 13 degrees above normal in Deming. The extreme southwestern portions of New Mexico experienced a dry week while the rest of the state received more than a tenth of an inch of precipitation. The highest precipitation totals were Roy with 1.12 inches, Los Alamos 0.61 inches and Truth or Consequences with 0.56 inches



NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – August 29 – September 4, 2011								
Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 29 Aug –04 Sept	Month 01 Sept-04 Sept	Accum. 01 Jan-04 Sept	Normal Sept	Normal Jan-Sept
<b>Northwest</b>								
Albuquerque	79.5	97	63	0.19	0.08	1.59	1.00	7.06
Chama	63.7	85	43	0.37	0.37	11.32	2.23	16.13
Farmington	74.4	94	56	0.28	0.28	3.86	0.97	6.33
Gallup	71.1	92	50	0.50	0.43	6.30	1.31	9.67
Grants	70.4	92	51	0.43	0.39	3.26	1.56	8.51
Johnson Ranch	69.5	92	50	0.00	0.00	0.97	1.33	9.05
Los Alamos	67.9	86	52	0.61	0.61	4.96	2.12	15.30
Red River	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	7.26	1.66	16.69
Santa Fe	70.1	91	52	0.24	0.13	6.47	1.51	11.54
<b>Northeast</b>								
Capulin	69.6	93	48	0.54	0.13	9.20	2.22	15.30
Clayton	76.5	98	56	0.51	-	6.25	1.77	13.38
Clovis	79.2	100	58	0.11	0.11	4.78	2.16	14.90
Las Vegas	69.3	91	52	0.38	0.34	5.69	2.40	16.27
Moriarty	70.8	92	52	0.09	-	3.91	1.61	10.67
Raton	70.0	93	50	0.20	0.03	4.96	1.61	14.64
Roy	73.2	93	54	1.12	1.10	4.89	1.90	13.74
Tucumcari	80.5	103	60	0.93	0.78	3.01	1.47	12.45
<b>Southwest</b>								
Animas	81.9	100	64	0.10	0.00	4.81	1.68	8.76
Deming	83.6	102	64	0.00	0.00	1.48	1.63	8.11
Gran Quivira	76.0	94	55	0.34	0.32	3.49	1.95	12.74
Quemado	68.9	88	47	0.34	0.29	4.23	1.73	11.41
Socorro	79.0	97	63	0.00	0.00	0.61	1.53	7.37
T or C	82.9	100	67	0.56	0.51	2.85	1.08	7.67
<b>Southeast</b>								
Alamogordo	82.9	100	66	0.10	0.05	2.94	1.99	9.91
Carlsbad	82.9	107	59	0.16	0.16	0.76	2.75	10.74
Carrizozo	77.2	98	60	0.00	0.00	1.39	1.88	10.12
Las Cruces	83.9	103	68	0.00	0.00	4.17	1.36	7.28
Roswell	76.4	96	58	0.15	0.15	1.81	1.87	10.64
Ruidoso	68.6	88	51	0.33	0.13	4.97	2.50	17.53
Tatum	80.4	104	62	0.42	0.42	1.71	2.36	13.53

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