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Crop Weather

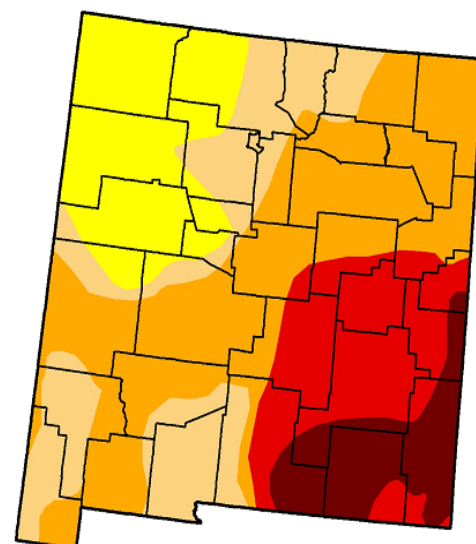
CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING April 1, 2012

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 excellent. Chile was 74% planted. Onion conditions were mostly good; with 100% planted. Cattle conditions were mostly fair to very poor. Sheep conditions were mostly poor to fair. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.3. Top-soil moisture was 55% very short, 26% short and 19% adequate. Wind damage was 8% light and 2% moderate; with winter wheat 40% damaged and onions 8% damaged.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS					
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Chile	Planted	74	55	69	63
Onion	Planted	100	50	100	100
W Wheat	Grazed	35	34	52	N/A

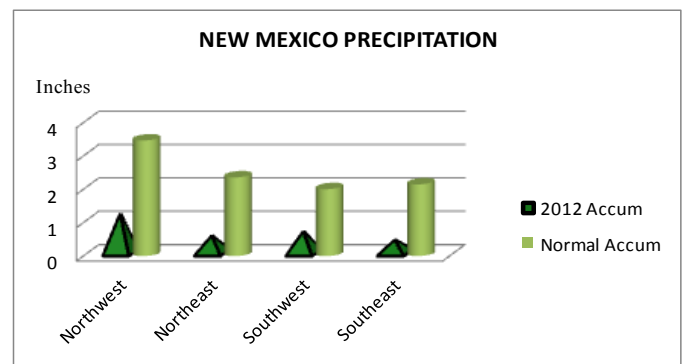
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	11	5	40	37	7
Lettuce	2	-	-	48	50
Onion	-	-	18	63	19
Winter Wheat	40	28	25	3	4
Cattle	29	26	32	10	3
Sheep	24	36	36	4	-

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	25	30	45	-
Northeast	66	20	14	-
Southwest	80	20	-	-
Southeast	45	37	18	-
State Current	55	26	19	-
State-Last Week	62	29	9	-
State-Last Year	65	28	7	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	36	34	29	1



Additional Comments: **Taos:** County has received moisture in the form of snow this week, but dry conditions continue throughout the county. **Debaca:** Ditch irrigation water available to cropland. Ranchers are still supplemental feeding due to lack of sufficient pasture. **Guadalupe:** Acequia irrigation water is now available. Producers are starting to put in their gardens and water their hay fields. Ranchers continue to supplemental feed due to lack of sufficient pasture. Locoweed has been reported in several areas of the county—producers are cutting and removing the locoweed when found. **Quay:** Producers selling more cows due to dry conditions. Dryland wheat is still holding on; soil moisture is very little to none. A few places got a trace to .5 inches of rain this week. **Otero:** No crop production other than hoop greenhouse production at this time.

Range and Pasture Condition					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	37	33	30	-	-
Northeast	55	19	13	11	2
Southwest	5	26	25	34	10
Southeast	62	30	8	-	-
State Current	64	18	11	6	1
State-Last Week	74	16	9	1	-
State-Last Year	25	38	30	7	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	14	30	37	18	1



Weather Summary

A snowstorm started off our week giving us some much needed moisture. Temperatures were close to normal, to slightly below.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – April 2 - April 8, 2012								
Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	<u>Week</u> 02 Apr - 08 Apr	<u>Month</u> 01 Apr - 08 Apr	<u>Accum.</u> 01 Jan -08 Apr	<u>Normal</u> Apr	<u>Normal</u> Jan-Apr
Northwest								
Albuquerque	54.1	75	32	0.81	0.81	1.67	0.52	1.96
Chama	40.4	66	16	0.60	0.60	3.11	1.27	6.61
Farmington	48.0	74	25	0.00	0.00	0.76	0.51	2.48
Gallup	45.0	75	20	--	--	1.73	0.64	3.23
Grants	46.1	72	24	0.64	0.57	1.10	0.45	1.95
Johnson Ranch	44.6	71	22	0.00	0.00	0.47	0.49	2.47
Los Alamos	46.7	66	29	0.89	0.89	1.66	1.00	3.88
Red River	38.1	60	23	0.70	0.70	2.83	1.68	5.75
Santa Fe	48.1	72	29	0.39	0.39	1.21	0.81	2.87
Northeast								
Capulin	45.8	73	26	0.90	0.90	1.93	1.01	2.86
Clayton	50.9	78	33	0.29	0.29	0.70	0.94	2.04
Clovis	55.4	83	34	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.81	2.30
Las Vegas	45.6	73	24	0.14	0.14	0.58	0.83	2.54
Moriarty	47.6	74	27	0.40	0.40	1.09	0.66	2.10
Raton	49.6	76	31	0.10	0.10	1.05	1.06	2.90
Roy	47.4	73	29	0.28	0.28	0.42	0.82	2.14
Tucumcari	57.6	88	32	0.04	0.04	0.32	0.87	2.00
Southwest								
Animas	58.6	85	28	0.00	0.00	1.70	0.20	1.86
Deming	57.8	82	30	0.00	0.00	0.58	0.18	1.54
Gran Quivira	52.5	78	28	0.19	0.19	0.62	0.64	2.88
Quemado	46.8	71	20	--	--	0.90	0.60	2.95
Socorro	56.3	81	36	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.36	1.41
T or C	58.7	82	37	0.01	0.01	0.27	0.22	1.40
Southeast								
Alamogordo	58.8	83	36	0.06	0.06	0.19	0.26	1.93
Carlsbad	62.8	91	42	--	--	0.18	0.49	1.49
Carrizozo	52.6	79	29	0.04	0.04	0.55	0.36	2.10
Las Cruces	59.9	85	36	0.00	0.00	0.23	0.21	1.26
Roswell	56.1	83	37	0.00	--	0.29	0.65	1.99
Ruidoso	48.0	76	27	--	--	0.91	0.63	4.24
Tatum	57.6	87	33	0.00	0.00	0.49	0.64	2.05
(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction - All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official.								