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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING October 20, 2013

NEW MEXICO: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.9. Topsoil moisture was 20% very short, 30% short, 49% adequate and 1% surplus. Wind damage was 19% light and 6% moderate. Freeze damage was reported light to moderate this week.

Counties: **Taos:** Hard freeze has crops dormant for the crop year. Snow showers have brought moisture into the county. **Curry:** Light frost in the area. Most alfalfa producers winding up production for the year. Milo harvest should begin soon. Some silage already harvested. Corn harvest near completion. Wheat planting done and emerged. Dryland wheat needs more moisture, but not critical, but needs moisture to continue the outlook for pasture. Irrigated wheat in good condition and some fields nearing the stage of being ready for grazing. Pasture land in good condition and frost and colder night temperatures has slowed or stopped growth, but most grasses mature. Livestock condition good to very good. Calves going to market in good to excellent condition. Very few yearling cattle being seen in the auctions.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	5th cut	95	NA	100	97
Alfalfa	6th cut	66	NA	73	66
Alfalfa	7th cut	12	NA	31	25
Chile	Hvst Grn	97	NA	100	99
Corn	Dent	95	NA	94	95
Corn	Mature	78	NA	79	88
Corn	Grain Hvst	35	NA	5	32
Corn	Silage Hvst	95	NA	95	84
Peanut	Hvst	50	NA	38	44
Cotton	Bolls Opn	93	NA	90	89
Cotton	Hvst	4	NA	7	13
Wheat	Irr Plt	93	NA	97	97
Wheat	Dry Plt	98	NA	75	89
Sorghum	Headed	100	NA	100	100
Sorghum	Trn Color	91	NA	79	88
Sorghum	Mature	45	NA	32	42

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	40	34	21	5	-
Northeast	4	32	53	9	2
Southwest	-	-	70	30	-
Southeast	15	35	31	19	-
State Current	20	31	36	13	-
State-Last Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
State-Last Year	56	29	14	1	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	28	24	25	20	3

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	10	38	51	-
Chile	-	2	32	66	-
Corn	1	6	46	47	-
Cotton	2	20	38	21	19
Peanut	2	17	79	2	-
Pecan	-	1	27	46	26
Sorghum	-	5	48	42	5
Cattle	2	9	54	30	5
Sheep	29	23	26	22	-

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	58	30	10	2
Northeast	-	32	68	-
Southwest	-	35	65	-
Southeast	16	24	60	-
State Current	20	30	49	1
State-Last Week	NA	NA	NA	NA
State-Last Year	58	38	4	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	30	36	33	1

Weather Summary

A cold front pushed south across New Mexico early on Monday bringing scattered areas of rain to the north and northeast, along with gusty winds. Highs Monday ranged from the 40's to 50's in the northern mountains to the 60's and 70's in the south. A cold front moved into the eastern and central parts of New Mexico late Tuesday into Wednesday, bringing gusty winds along with areas of rain and snow. A few locations in the northern mountains reported several inches of snowfall. High pressure moved into the area behind the front on Wednesday bringing clearing skies and cooler temperatures. Afternoon highs Wednesday ranged from the 30's to 40's in the north to the 50's to 60's in the south. High pressure dominated the weather for the rest of the week bringing mostly sunny skies and warming temperatures.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - Oct 14 - Oct 20, 2013								
Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Mini- mum	<u>Week</u> 14 Oct - 20 Oct	<u>Month</u> 01 Oct - 20 Oct	<u>Accum.</u> 01 Jan - 20 Oct	<u>Normal</u> Oct	<u>Normal</u> Jan-Oct
Northwest								
Albuquerque	52.8	70	35	0.00	0.04	7.90	1.02	8.38
Chama	37.4	57	17	0.50	1.10	18.24	2.03	19.83
Farmington	44.5	63	27	0.00	0.44	7.36	0.91	7.41
Gallup	41.9	67	16	0.00	0.43	8.92	0.99	9.97
Grants	42.6	67	18	0.00	0.13	6.17	0.97	9.04
Johnson Ranch	41.6	67	17	0.00	0.00	10.06	0.95	10.89
Los Alamos	42.7	60	27	0.46	0.73	15.36	1.56	16.95
Red River	34.1	59	16	0.71	1.60	16.68	1.84	19.80
Santa Fe	43.6	64	22	0.01	0.23	9.22	1.33	12.50
Northeast								
Capulin	40.8	63	17	0.14	0.14	17.03	0.95	16.96
Clayton	47.1	71	29	0.10	0.27	12.93	0.90	14.28
Clovis	51.9	73	31	0.00	-	8.65	1.98	17.58
Las Vegas	43.6	65	22	0.15	0.20	14.46	1.34	16.75
Moriarty	41.1	66	16	0.12	0.19	10.77	1.52	12.29
Raton	43.1	66	22	0.64	0.74	15.67	1.16	16.14
Roy	45.2	68	26	0.02	0.11	7.61	1.05	14.79
Tucumcari	51.4	77	29	0.01	0.04	15.26	1.50	15.74
Southwest								
Animas	61.4	79	40	0.00	0.00	6.42	1.12	9.87
Deming	57.2	78	32	0.00	-	8.83	1.06	9.95
Gran Quivira	48.8	75	24	0.00	0.00	11.99	1.74	15.36
Quemado	-	-	-	-	-	3.72	0.96	10.90
Socorro	56.4	79	32	0.00	0.01	8.17	1.09	9.17
T or C	58.6	76	37	0.00	-	11.08	1.10	10.21
Southeast								
Alamogordo	57.8	78	34	0.00	-	7.17	1.17	10.08
Carlsbad	59.3	82	33	0.00	0.28	9.87	1.16	11.97
Carrizozo	50.1	73	25	0.00	0.01	11.71	1.19	11.31
Las Cruces	60.1	78	35	0.00	-	5.60	0.94	8.51
Roswell	55.4	79	27	0.00	0.00	9.29	1.34	13.74
Ruidoso	45.7	63	20	0.00	0.00	10.18	1.64	19.58
Tatum	53.2	80	26	0.05	0.05	9.64	1.49	15.02
(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction - All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official.								