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**Crop Weather**

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**CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING September 25, 2011**

**NEW MEXICO:** Alfalfa conditions were mostly fair to good; fifth cutting 90% complete; sixth cutting 35% complete. Corn was mostly fair; 100% dough; 83% dent; 41% mature. Corn silage was 77% harvested. Cotton ranged from mostly poor to good; 86% bolls opening. Sorghum ranged from mostly very poor to fair; 94% headed; 45% turning color. Winter wheat 59% planted; 25% emerged. Peanuts were mostly fair. Lettuce was mostly good to excellent. Chile was mostly good; 95% harvested green. Pecan conditions were mostly good. Apples ranged from mostly poor to good; 100% harvested. Cattle conditions were mostly poor to fair. Sheep conditions were mostly poor. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 7.0. Topsoil moisture was 48% very short, 41% short and 11% adequate. Wind damage was 8% light; 9% wind damage to cotton to date and 5% wind damage to sorghum to date. Hail damage was 5% light and 8% moderate; 2% hail damage to cotton, 2% hail damage to corn and 1% hail damage to sorghum to date.

**CROP PROGRESS  
PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS**

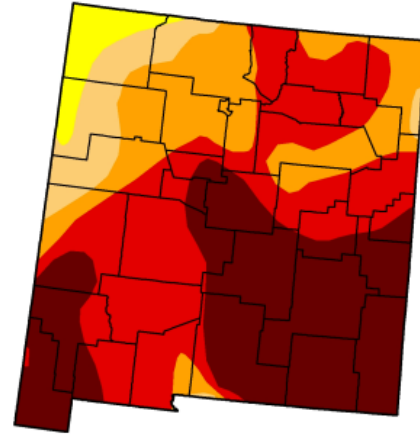
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	5 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	90	84	68	78
Alfalfa	6 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	35	30	35	31
Chile	Harvested	95	85	88	87
Corn	Dough	100	98	100	100
Corn	Dent	83	78	85	89
Corn	Mature	41	22	54	57
Corn	Silage Hvst	77	74	77	45
Cotton	Opening	86	72	61	56
Sorghum	Headed	94	90	100	98
Sorghum	Turning Clr	45	40	70	71
W Wheat	Planted	59	41	78	85

**CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES**

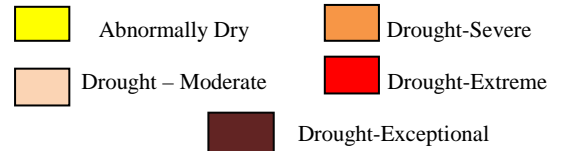
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	9	5	37	43	6
Chile	-	2	33	58	7
Corn	3	10	65	14	8
Cotton	13	25	30	28	4
Peanut	-	8	86	6	-
Pecan	-	1	29	67	3
Sorghum	49	16	33	2	-
Cattle	16	30	38	14	2
Sheep	19	51	26	4	-

**Additional Comments:** **Luna/Grant:** Pasture and Rangeland continues to deteriorate due to lack of moisture. At this point, even if we do get moisture, it will not be enough to sustain the livestock through the winter. Supplemental feeding and water hauling will continue. Livestock are being taken to sales in large numbers due to the current pasture and range conditions. **Sierra:** With the 2011 growing season coming to a close,

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**SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES**

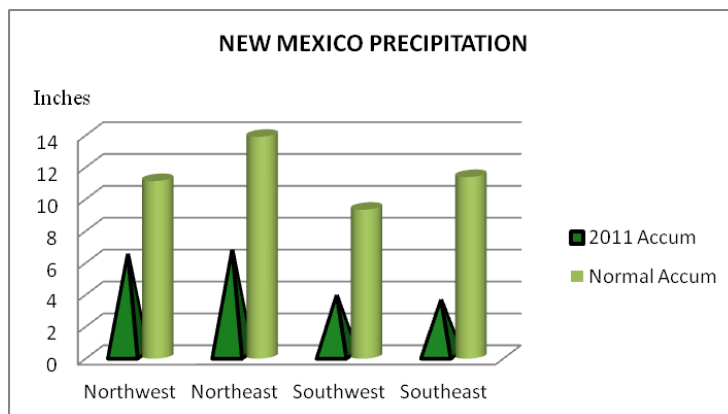
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	21	52	25	2
Northeast	58	36	6	-
Southwest	66	17	17	-
Southeast	43	55	2	-
State Current	48	41	11	-
State-Last Week	41	45	14	-
State-Last Year	11	29	59	1
State-5-Yr Avg.	11	30	56	3

commercial livestock producers are in dire situations. They face little to no forage production across the county. The problems associated with crippling forage shortages are further compounded by depleting water supplies. As wells and springs dry up, cattle management plans begin to deteriorate. Liquidation of inventory has proven to be increasingly difficult. Producers are currently enduring cattle mortality with no foreseeable reprieve. Many families face difficult financial situations. **Eddy:** Moisture is gone, No grass response at all on range land. Fall weeds did germinate though. **Otero:** Two alfalfa growers lost 75% of the last cutting to hail damage.

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	37	38	14	7	4
Northeast	41	28	20	7	4
Southwest	68	25	7	-	-
Southeast	65	27	8	-	-
State Current	53	29	13	3	2
State-Last Week	62	30	7	1	-
State-Last Year	4	12	33	47	4
State-5-Yr Avg.	7	16	31	36	10

## WEATHER SUMMARY

Average temperatures for the week were a few degrees above normal across New Mexico. Early in the week, showers and thunderstorms brought rainfall amounts of generally less than a tenth of an inch to central, northeast and south central New Mexico. Some of the rainfall amounts included 0.03 in Clayton, 0.02 in Capulin, and 0.03 in Carrizozo and 0.01 inch in Gran Quivira.



NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – September 19 – September 25, 2011								
Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 19 Sept –25 Sept	Month 01 Sept-25 Sept	Accum. 01 Jan-25 Sept	Normal Sept	Normal Jan-Sept
Northwest								
Albuquerque	70.2	87	52	-	0.39	1.90	1.00	7.06
Chama	53.8	76	34	0.00	2.42	13.37	2.23	16.13
Farmington	63.6	85	41	0.00	0.95	4.53	0.97	6.33
Gallup	59.1	82	34	0.00	1.90	7.77	1.31	9.67
Grants	59.7	83	34	0.00	1.41	4.28	1.56	8.51
Johnson Ranch	57.4	80	35	0.00	0.93	1.90	1.33	9.05
Los Alamos	61.1	78	44	0.00	3.00	7.35	2.12	15.30
Red River	49.2	70	29	0.00	1.80	9.06	1.66	16.69
Santa Fe	60.7	83	38	0.00	0.75	7.09	1.51	11.54
Northeast								
Capulin	57.9	84	34	0.02	0.98	10.05	2.22	15.30
Clayton	66.0	91	46	0.03	0.89	7.14	1.77	13.38
Clovis	69.0	92	48	0.00	0.89	5.56	2.16	14.90
Las Vegas	59.4	84	38	0.00	1.71	7.06	2.40	16.27
Moriarty	59.9	83	36	0.00	1.25	5.16	1.61	10.67
Raton	61.9	88	40	0.00	2.42	7.35	1.61	14.64
Roy	63.3	88	41	0.00	1.36	5.15	1.90	13.74
Tucumcari	69.6	94	50	0.00	3.25	5.48	1.47	12.45
Southwest								
Animas	74.3	92	56	0.00	1.22	6.03	1.68	8.76
Deming	73.2	93	52	0.00	0.30	1.78	1.63	8.11
Gran Quivira	64.6	83	42	0.01	0.90	4.07	1.95	12.74
Quemado	57.5	79	34	0.00	2.10	6.04	1.73	11.41
Socorro	70.4	88	55	0.00	0.00	0.61	1.53	7.37
T or C	73.6	90	56	0.00	1.74	4.08	1.08	7.67
Southeast								
Alamogordo	73.1	92	52	0.00	0.69	3.58	1.99	9.91
Carlsbad	74.3	98	53	0.00	1.83	2.43	2.75	10.74
Carrizozo	67.1	88	43	0.03	0.49	1.88	1.88	10.12
Las Cruces	74.4	94	55	0.00	1.08	5.25	1.36	7.28
Roswell	67.7	95	45	0.01	1.31	2.97	1.87	10.64
Ruidoso	60.9	82	41	0.00	0.29	5.13	2.50	17.53
Tatum	69.9	94	49	0.00	1.82	3.11	2.36	13.53

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