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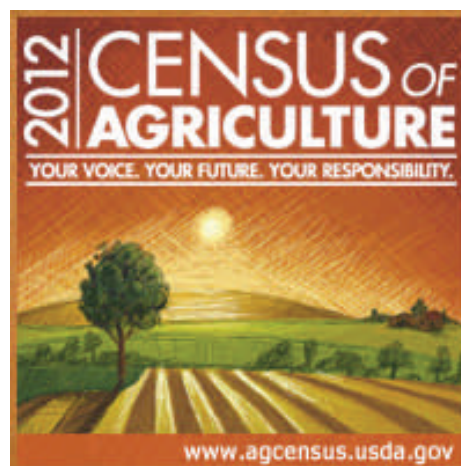
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Crop Weather

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING October 7, 2012

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good; fifth cutting 100% complete; sixth cutting 48% complete; seventh cutting 1% complete. Cotton conditions were mostly fair to poor; 74% bolls opening. Corn conditions were mostly fair to good; 70% mature; 85% silage harvested. Sorghum conditions were mostly very poor to poor; 56% turning color; 8% mature. Winter wheat conditions mostly fair to poor; 91% planted; 45% emerged. Peanut conditions were poor to fair; 20% harvested. Lettuce conditions were mostly good; 2% harvested. Chile conditions were mostly good to fair; 94% green harvested. Pecan conditions were mostly good to excellent. Cattle conditions were mostly fair to poor. Sheep conditions were mostly very poor to poor. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.9.



CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS					
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	5th Cut	100	98	95	89
Alfalfa	6th Cut	48	44	61	45
Chile	Hvst Green	94	90	100	96
Corn	Mature	70	60	78	73
Corn	Dent	100	90	100	96
Corn	Silage Hvst	85	83	85	52
Cotton	Bolls Opn	74	52	89	74
Cotton	Setting Boll	100	98	100	99
Lettuce	Planted	100	99	100	100
Peanut	Hvstd	20	-	11	20
Sorghum	Headed	100	95	99	99
Sorghum	Trn Color	56	36	71	86
W Wheat	Planted	91	63	84	92
W Wheat	Emerged	45	-	55	73

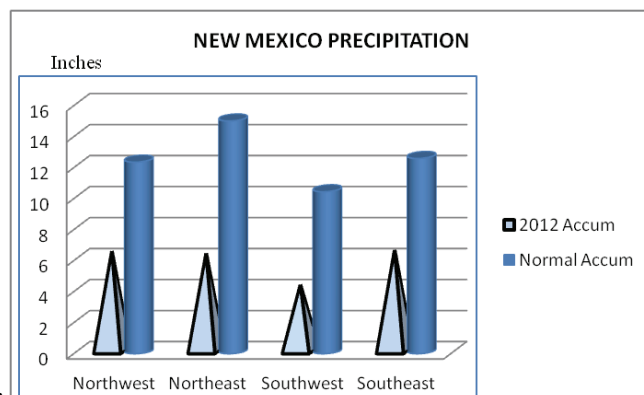
Additional Comments: Curry: Wheat fields benefited from light to moderate rainfall though growth is not rapid. Cotton harvest should begin in the next few weeks. Alfalfa growth slowing somewhat due to cooler temperatures. Cattle ranchers still making tough decisions concerning stocking rates. Rain has encouraged some stockers for the possibility of wheat pasture availability and calf prices showing that optimism. Guadalupe: Temperatures are starting to drop - some moisture has been received this past week, but too late in the growing season to help out the native grass pastures that are in poor condition. Ranchers are culling their herds further. De Baca: Rangeland is in poor condition going into the fall and winter seasons. Any moisture received now will be welcome, but may be too late for any improvements on native grass. Taos: The completion of production on this year's hay crops is 90% complete with 30% to 50% below normal production.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	4	7	24	65	-
Chile	6	18	25	46	5
Corn	5	20	30	30	15
Cotton	5	23	30	13	29
Peanut	15	45	40	-	-
Sorghum	45	19	27	9	-
Cattle	19	27	41	12	1
Sheep	39	35	18	8	-

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	64	35	1	-
Northeast	59	38	3	-
Southwest	-	25	75	-
Southeast	28	64	8	-
State Current	44	41	15	-
State-Last Week	39	46	15	-
State-Last Year	52	46	2	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	23	42	34	1



RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	50	37	13	-	-
Northeast	66	31	3	-	-
Southwest	41	29	26	4	-
Southeast	54	27	19	-	-
State Current	55	31	13	1	-
State-Last Week	48	36	13	3	-
State-Last Year	54	33	11	1	1
State-5-Yr Avg.	17	22	30	25	6



Weather Summary

Average temperatures were mostly above normal this week, ranging from the upper 40's in the north to 70's in the south, with some rain in the east.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – October 1 – October 7, 2012								
Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 01 Oct - 07 Oct	Month 01 Oct - 07 Oct	Accum. 01 Jan- 07 Oct	Normal Oct	Normal Jan-Oct
Northwest								
Albuquerque	66.1	87	43	-	-	5.73	0.89	7.95
Chama	49.0	74	20	0.00	0.00	12.30	1.96	18.09
Farmington	60.6	83	41	0.00	0.00	2.36	0.85	7.18
Gallup	57.6	83	32	0.00	0.00	5.20	1.29	10.96
Grants	59.8	84	32	0.01	0.01	6.43	1.05	9.56
Johnson Ranch	50.8	77	33	0.00	0.00	1.31	1.11	10.16
Los Alamos	60.3	78	35	0.00	0.00	6.73	1.32	16.62
Red River	46.9	69	28	0.00	0.00	12.56	1.46	18.15
Santa Fe	59.6	85	35	0.00	0.00	5.08	1.04	12.58
Northeast								
Capulin	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	9.93	0.97	16.27
Clayton	51.9	89	33	0.12	0.12	4.89	0.90	14.28
Clovis	56.6	88	36	0.00	0.00	2.64	1.34	16.24
Las Vegas	52.0	82	30	-	-	6.88	1.51	17.78
Moriarty	58.1	82	34	0.00	0.00	8.97	1.10	11.77
Raton	50.5	84	31	0.09	0.09	8.20	0.97	15.61
Roy	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	4.58	1.05	14.79
Tucumcari	58.4	92	39	0.00	0.00	4.10	0.94	13.39
Southwest								
Animas	71.3	96	50	0.00	0.00	5.83	1.15	9.91
Deming	69.6	91	51	0.00	0.00	3.28	0.98	9.09
Gran Quivira	64.1	82	40	0.00	0.00	4.51	1.27	14.01
Quemado	54.6	78	31	0.00	0.00	7.71	1.18	12.59
Socorro	68.1	91	42	0.00	0.00	1.70	1.11	8.48
T or C	70.8	92	47	0.00	0.00	2.43	0.95	8.62
Southeast								
Alamogordo	68.4	90	47	0.00	0.00	1.48	1.30	11.21
Carlsbad	64.3	94	44	-	-	10.29	1.05	11.79
Carrizozo	61.6	87	39	0.00	0.00	3.79	1.19	11.31
Las Cruces	70.0	92	53	0.00	0.00	5.23	0.91	8.19
Roswell	60.6	87	44	0.22	0.22	5.98	1.19	11.83
Ruidoso	57.9	77	37	0.00	0.00	10.46	1.31	18.84
Tatum	59.1	89	38	0.09	0.09	8.13	1.49	15.02

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