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Crop Weather

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING August 19, 2012

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good; fourth cutting 87% complete; fifth cutting 36% complete. Cotton conditions were mostly excellent; 96% squared; 68% setting bolls; 5% bolls opening. Corn conditions were mostly fair; 93% silked; 25% dough; 9% dent; 12% silage harvested. Sorghum conditions were mostly very poor; 33% headed; 2% turning color. Peanut conditions were mostly fair; 80% pegging. Chile conditions were mostly good; 20% green harvested. Apple conditions were mostly good. Pecan conditions were mostly good. Cattle conditions were poor. Sheep conditions were mostly poor. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.7. Topsoil moisture was 49% very short, 35% short and 16% adequate. Wind damage was 18% light; with cotton 75% damaged and sorghum 49% damaged. No hail damage reported this week.

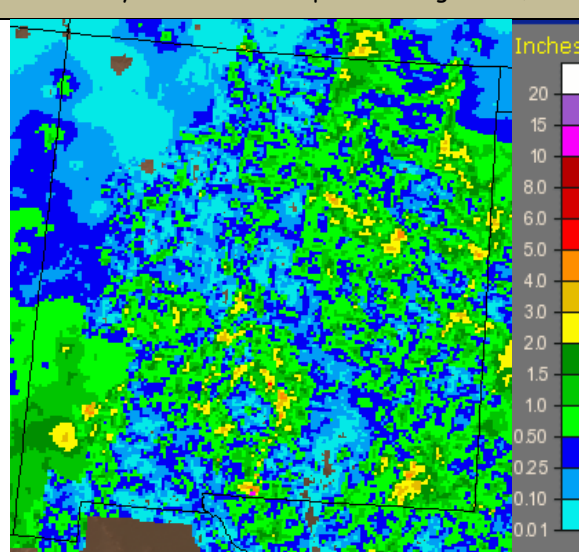
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	4th Cut	87	75	79	73
Alfalfa	5th Cut	36	26	29	24
Chile	Hvst Green	20	15	28	36
Corn	Silked	93	81	91	97
Corn	Dough	25	25	33	49
Corn	Dent	9	7	16	23
Corn	Silage Hvst	12	5	-	-
Cotton	Squaring	96	91	99	100
Cotton	Setting Boll	68	55	62	75
Onion	Harvested	98	92	89	96
Peanut	Pegging	80	75	72	79
Sorghum	Headed	33	23	37	48

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	4	5	25	60	6
Chile	3	10	36	30	21
Corn	2	4	40	28	26
Cotton	4	12	29	22	33
Peanut	15	20	65	-	-
Sorghum	36	30	28	6	-
Cattle	18	38	24	13	7
Sheep	26	43	22	9	-

Seven Day Observed Precipitation August 20, 2012

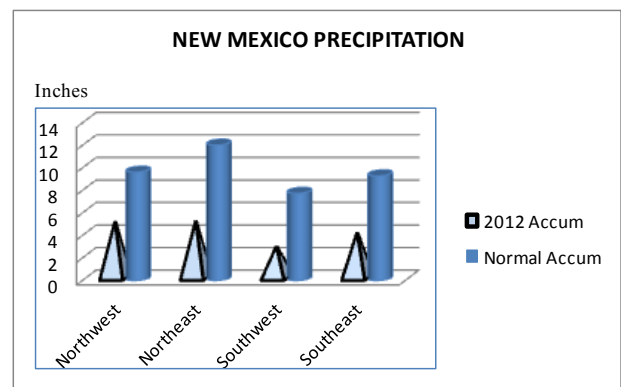


Additional Comments: **Santa Fe:** Isolated showers were received throughout the week in various areas of the county. **De Baca:** Scattered showers received around the county this weekend. **Guadalupe:** Good scattered rains received over the weekend - up to 3/4 inches in some areas. **Chaves:** Scattered rain showers over the county. **Eddy:** Some parts of the county received up to 1" over the weekend. Some parts of the county are greening up and grass is still short. Other parts are looking good while other areas still look like winter. **Otero/Lincoln:** Ranchers continue to conduct heavy supplemental feeding due to poor range-land conditions. Farmers using ditch water rights are reporting less water available in streambeds for irrigation. Wildfire debris continues to flow into farmer's fields and streambeds.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	23	36	40	1
Northeast	71	29	-	-
Southwest	42	33	25	-
Southeast	43	42	15	-
State Current	49	35	16	-
State-Last Week	53	39	8	-
State-Last Year	56	34	10	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	19	35	45	1

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	39	36	18	6	1
Northeast	67	29	4	-	-
Southwest	-	47	47	6	-
Southeast	48	36	13	3	-
State Current	49	35	14	2	-
State-Last Week	51	34	13	2	-
State-Last Year	49	36	13	1	1
State-5-Yr Avg.	14	20	31	29	6



Weather Summary

Most locations across the state stayed pretty warm with above average temperatures until a midweek backdoor cold front following surface to aloft moisture and strong shearing by the weekend cooled temps down a bit but also produced ample amounts of rain for various locations. Good precipitation amounts include Tatum 1.05 in., Roy 1.03 in., Gran Quivira 0.65 in., Raton 0.68 in., and Carrizozo 0.58 in.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – August 13– August 19, 2012								
Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	<u>Week</u> 13 Aug –19 Aug	<u>Month</u> 01 Aug-19 Aug	<u>Accum.</u> 01 Jan-19 Aug	<u>Normal</u> Aug	<u>Normal</u> Jan-Aug
Northwest								
Albuquerque	78.9	94	63	1.16	1.56	5.23	1.64	6.06
Chama	61.9	85	40	0.27	1.08	10.22	2.82	13.90
Farmington	75.6	92	58	0.00	0.00	1.43	1.05	5.36
Gallup	72.2	93	48	0.11	1.03	4.10	2.26	8.36
Grants	69.1	90	48	0.08	1.08	5.55	2.16	6.95
Johnson Ranch	69.8	90	50	0.00	0.00	0.98	2.29	7.72
Los Alamos	67.6	86	52	0.35	0.69	4.40	3.52	13.18
Red River	58.2	76	41	0.50	1.58	9.68	3.10	15.03
Santa Fe	69.4	90	52	0.34	0.98	3.47	2.39	10.03
Northeast								
Capulin	68.0	89	49	0.51	0.71	8.28	2.56	13.08
Clayton	72.9	92	53	0.16	0.61	4.09	2.61	11.61
Clovis	78.4	97	62	0.29	0.37	2.08	3.17	12.74
Las Vegas	67.3	87	49	0.28	1.43	5.79	4.27	13.87
Moriarty	71.2	89	54	0.27	2.47	7.34	2.69	9.06
Raton	71.7	91	52	0.68	1.11	6.08	3.21	13.03
Roy	72.5	89	56	1.03	1.65	3.56	2.81	11.84
Tucumcari	79.5	99	64	0.20	0.63	3.32	2.41	10.98
Southwest								
Animas	81.0	98	65	0.60	0.63	4.05	2.34	7.08
Deming	81.3	100	62	0.11	0.11	1.58	2.05	6.48
Gran Quivira	74.3	94	54	0.65	0.82	3.59	3.27	10.79
Quemado	71.0	83	59	0.16	0.87	4.57	3.12	9.68
Socorro	80.8	99	65	0.00	0.00	0.89	1.90	5.84
T or C	79.7	98	64	0.31	0.31	2.07	2.15	6.59
Southeast								
Alamogordo	81.9	99	65	0.06	0.08	0.37	2.41	7.92
Carlsbad	82.5	102	66	0.34	0.34	5.98	2.25	7.99
Carrizozo	76.2	93	58	0.58	0.75	3.01	2.69	8.24
Las Cruces	82.4	99	67	0.20	0.30	2.23	2.29	5.92
Roswell	80.4	101	66	0.40	0.47	3.91	2.03	8.77
Ruidoso	66.9	83	51	1.04	1.80	6.97	4.04	15.03
Tatum	79.7	98	64	1.05	1.09	5.67	2.48	11.17

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