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### Crop Weather

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### CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING September 9, 2012

**NEW MEXICO:** Alfalfa conditions were mostly good; fourth cutting 100% complete; fifth cutting 70% complete. Cotton conditions were mostly fair to good; 88% setting bolls; 24% bolls opening. Corn conditions were mostly fair to good; 100% silked; 94% dough; 50% dent; 19% mature; 55% silage harvested. Sorghum conditions were mostly very poor; 75% headed; 11% turning color. Winter wheat 30% planted. Peanut conditions were mostly poor; 90% pegging. Lettuce 75% planted. Chile conditions were mostly fair to poor; 68% green harvested. Apple conditions were mostly good; 20% harvested. Pecan conditions were mostly good. Cattle conditions were mostly poor to fair. Sheep conditions were mostly poor to very poor. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor to poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.6. Topsoil moisture was 53% very short, 36% short, 10% adequate and 1% surplus. Wind damage was 28% light, 6% moderate and 2% severe; with cotton 80% damaged and sorghum 55% damaged. No hail damage was reported this week.

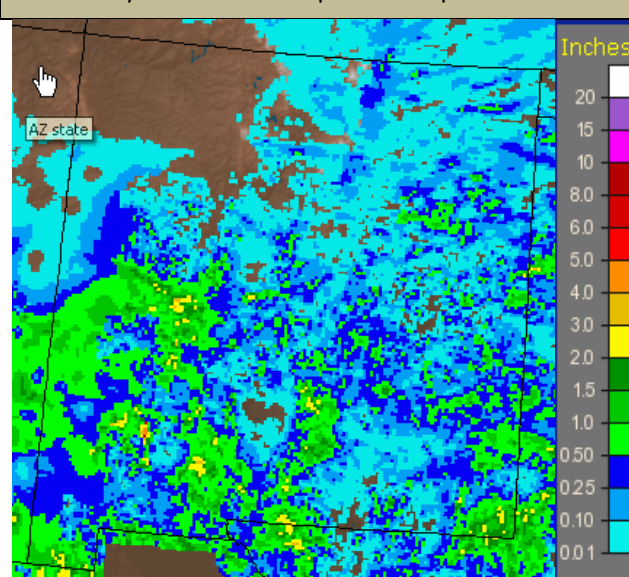
#### CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	4th Cut	100	98	98	95
Alfalfa	5th Cut	72	54	54	55
Chile	Hvst Green	68	50	76	74
Corn	Mature	19	-	2	15
Corn	Dough	94	67	91	92
Corn	Dent	50	25	59	58
Corn	Silage Hvst	55	50	48	30
Cotton	Bolls Opn	24	7	28	25
Cotton	Setting Boll	88	88	84	90
Peanut	Pegging	90	90	94	96
Sorghum	Headed	75	74	71	78
Sorghum	Trn Color	11	10	31	36
W Wheat	Planted	30	10	19	39

#### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	7	17	18	56	2
Chile	3	31	32	20	14
Corn	3	7	37	41	12
Cotton	6	23	31	21	19
Peanut	20	45	35	-	-
Sorghum	35	26	30	9	-
Cattle	19	30	26	17	8
Sheep	31	41	21	7	-

#### Seven Day Observed Precipitation September 10, 2012

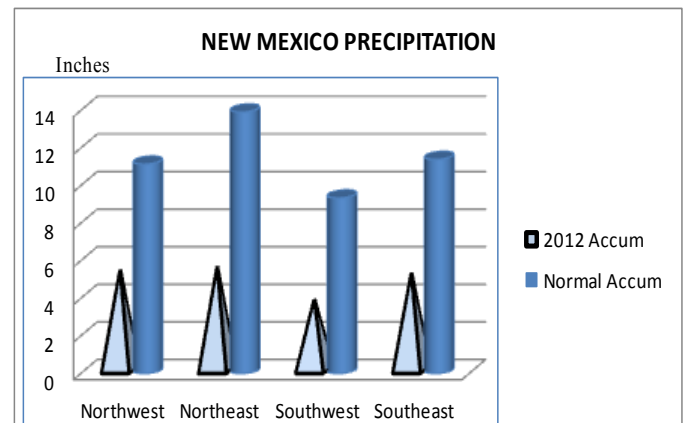


**Additional Comments:** Taos: This week we have not received any precipitation, increased the dry conditions that were starting to improve. Curry: Rain showers up to approximately one inch in very limited areas the past week but not enough to improve range condition substantially or to improve chances for dry land wheat planting or seed germination in areas planted. Corn on irrigated fields nearing maturity and light harvesting for ensilage beginning. Cattlemen reducing cow herds or dispersing completely. Some attempting to keep enough to begin rebuilding when rains finally come and pastures recuperate. No dry land Sudan or hay grazer available for baling or cut for ensilage. Luna/Grant: Range and pasture conditions have improved ever so slightly in some sparse areas. This is because there has been some moisture, but it is still scattered. The moisture is not enough to sustain the livestock through the normal grazing period in most areas.

#### SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	47	44	6	3
Northeast	83	17	-	-
Southwest	25	47	28	-
Southeast	28	48	24	-
State Current	53	36	10	1
State-Last Week	50	39	11	-
State-Last Year	54	38	8	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	24	36	39	1

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	37	34	23	6	-
Northeast	78	22	-	-	-
Southwest	40	33	27	-	-
Southeast	54	32	14	-	-
State Current	57	29	13	1	-
State-Last Week	44	31	23	2	-
State-Last Year	52	28	15	2	3
State-5-Yr Avg.	16	20	31	27	6



## Weather Summary

Temperatures were above normal statewide.

<i>NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – September 03 – September 09, 2012</i>								
Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	<u>Week</u> 03 Sep –09 Sep	<u>Month</u> 01 Sep-09 Sep	<u>Accum.</u> 01 Jan-09 Sep	<u>Normal</u> Sep	<u>Normal</u> Jan-Sep
<b>Northwest</b>								
Albuquerque	76.6	94	56	0.09	0.09	5.38	1.00	7.06
Chama	62.6	84	34	0.04	0.06	10.41	2.23	16.13
Farmington	71.8	90	51	0.00	0.02	1.71	0.97	6.33
Gallup	68.2	89	43	-	-	4.24	1.31	9.67
Grants	70.4	90	41	0.04	0.04	5.77	1.56	8.51
Johnson Ranch	73.1	90	50	0.00	0.00	0.98	1.33	9.05
Los Alamos	67.6	86	46	0.03	0.03	5.02	2.12	15.30
Red River	57.1	77	35	0.43	0.43	10.46	1.66	16.69
Santa Fe	70.1	90	44	0.08	0.08	4.08	1.51	11.54
<b>Northeast</b>								
Capulin	65.3	90	38	0.10	0.10	8.90	2.22	15.30
Clayton	72.4	96	51	-	-	4.45	1.77	13.38
Clovis	75.8	98	56	0.01	0.01	2.28	2.16	14.90
Las Vegas	66.4	89	44	0.01	0.01	6.05	2.40	16.27
Moriarty	67.1	90	42	0.06	0.06	7.47	1.61	10.67
Raton	66.6	90	39	0.02	0.02	6.71	1.61	14.64
Roy	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	4.39	1.90	13.74
Tucumcari	76.3	100	51	0.22	0.22	3.78	1.47	12.45
<b>Southwest</b>								
Animas	75.8	99	58	0.67	0.67	5.30	1.68	8.76
Deming	76.5	97	58	0.29	0.29	2.82	1.63	8.11
Gran Quivira	68.2	92	48	0.17	0.17	3.91	1.95	12.74
Quemado	65.7	85	49	0.35	0.35	6.71	1.73	11.41
Socorro	78.1	97	58	0.11	0.11	1.58	1.53	7.37
T or C	76.9	97	57	0.17	0.17	2.24	1.08	7.67
<b>Southeast</b>								
Alamogordo	79.1	98	59	0.24	0.24	0.84	1.99	9.91
Carlsbad	80.6	103	58	0.07	0.07	7.38	2.75	10.74
Carrizozo	71.4	95	54	0.04	0.04	3.59	1.88	10.12
Las Cruces	78.8	99	61	1.47	1.47	4.53	1.36	7.28
Roswell	76.6	101	56	0.28	0.28	4.80	1.87	10.64
Ruidoso	63.3	86	48	1.16	1.16	8.73	2.50	17.53
Tatum	77.1	100	56	0.14	0.14	6.28	2.36	13.53

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