



# Weekly Ag Update

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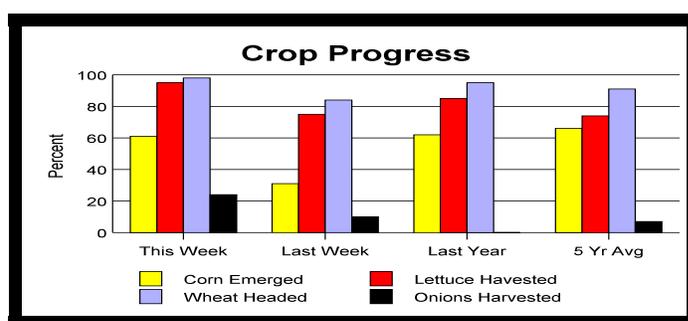
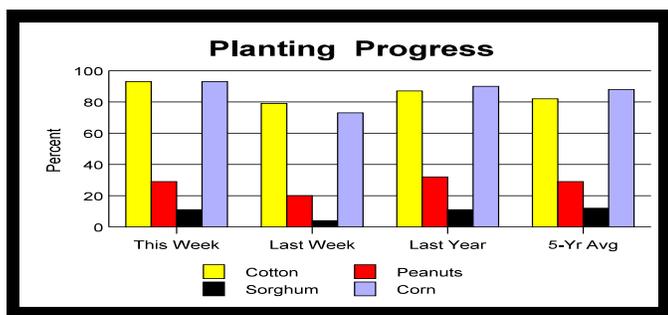
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## CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 21, 2006

**NEW MEXICO:** There were 6.9 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 58% very short, 35% short, and 7% adequate. Wind damage was 12% light, 9% moderate, and 1% severe. There were reports of pecans, lettuce, cabbage and chile being affected by wind damage. Farmers spent the week irrigating and harvesting hay, onions and lettuce. Alfalfa was reported as 1% very poor, 4% poor 48% fair, 25% good and 22% excellent with 81% of the first cutting complete and 19% of the second cutting complete. Irrigated winter wheat condition was reported as mostly fair to good with 99% headed. Dryland wheat condition was reported in poor to very poor with 97% headed. Total wheat headed was reported at 98%. Peanuts were reported as 29% planted. Lettuce harvest is at 95% complete with conditions reported in mostly good to excellent condition. Pecan conditions were mostly fair to excellent with average nut set. Cotton was reported as mostly fair to good. Chile condition was in mostly good to excellent condition. Onions were in mostly good to excellent condition with 24% harvested. Corn condition was in mostly fair to good condition with 93% planted and 61% emerged. Ranchers continue to supplement feed and haul water with reports of difficulty obtaining hay. Cattle conditions were reported at 4% very poor, 22% poor, 43% fair, 18% good and 13% excellent. Sheep were 6% very poor, 15% poor, 64% fair, and 15% good. Ranges and pastures are needing moisture with conditions reported as 36% very poor, 39% poor, 22% fair, and 3% good. Farmers and ranchers report spotty rains though not enough to be helpful.

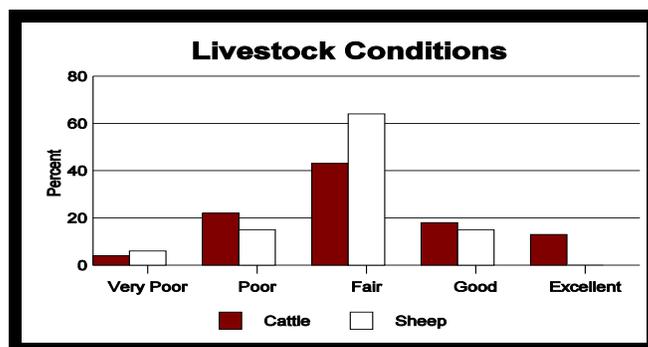
### CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
<b>CORN</b>	Planted	93	73	90	88
<b>CORN</b>	Emerged	61	31	62	66
<b>COTTON</b>	Planted	93	79	87	82
<b>LETTUCE</b>	Harvested	95	75	85	74
<b>ONIONS</b>	Harvested	24	10	—	7
<b>PEANUTS</b>	Planted	29	20	32	29
<b>SORGHUM</b>	Planted	11	4	11	12
<b>WHEAT (ALL)</b>	Headed	98	84	95	91



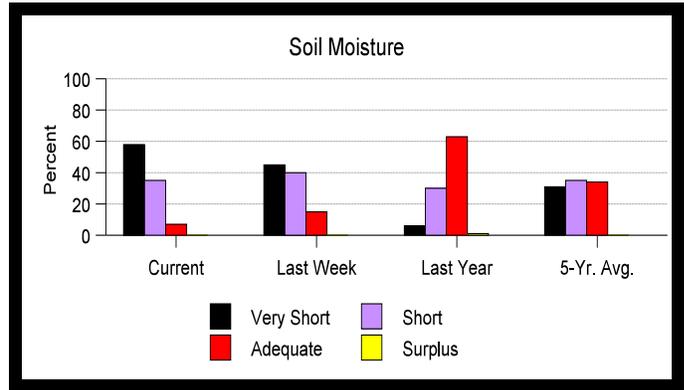
### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	4	48	25	22
Apples	10	20	50	20	—
Chile	—	—	12	65	23
Corn	—	—	65	29	6
Cotton	—	—	42	38	20
Lettuce	—	—	10	40	50
Pecans	—	—	22	18	60
Onions	—	—	8	47	45
Wheat (All)	56	11	26	7	—
Cattle	4	22	43	18	13
Sheep	6	15	64	15	—
Range/Pasture	36	39	22	3	—



**SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES**

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	67	32	1	0
Northeast	60	37	3	0
Southwest	73	23	4	0
Southeast	42	41	17	0
State Current	58	35	7	0
State-Last Week	45	40	15	0
State-Last Year	6	30	63	1
State-5-Yr Avg.	31	35	34	0



**WEATHER SUMMARY**

The week began as cool and somewhat moist air had pushed west through much of the state and allowed for development of scattered showers and thunderstorms Monday with fewer storms Tuesday. A ridge of high pressure began to build into the southwest U.S. midweek, allowing for warmer and drier conditions that persisted into the end of the week. Las Vegas, Roy and Ruidoso all received about a third of an inch of rain early in the week. Temperatures by the weekend reached 100 degrees or better in the southeast plains.

**NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - MAY 15-21, 2006**

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	05/15 05/21	05/01 05/21	Normal May	01/01 05/21	Normal Jan-May
Farmington	70.6	90	47	0.00	0.05	0.67	1.74	3.15
Gallup	64.9	86	45	0.04	0.04	0.51	1.56	3.74
Capulin	57.4	85	29	0.05	0.75	2.30	1.99	5.16
Chama	56.6	82	34	0.05	0.06	1.11	3.54	7.72
Johnson Ranch	62.7	86	39	0.22	0.22	0.62	0.46	3.09
Las Vegas	60.8	84	39	0.34	1.16	1.82	1.45	4.36
Los Alamos	61.9	82	42	0.05	0.16	1.17	1.50	5.05
Raton	61.6	88	35	0.00	0.52	2.27	1.11	5.17
Red River	50.4	75	28	0.26	0.57	1.77	6.77	7.52
Santa Fe	63.9	88	40	0.09	0.29	1.22	1.03	4.09
Clayton	68.1	94	42	0.00	0.45	1.99	1.53	4.03
Clovis	71.3	98	46	0.00	0.46	1.87	2.33	4.17
Roy	64.5	89	42	0.34	0.96	1.84	1.62	3.98
Tucumcari	72.3	99	45	0.00	1.18	1.49	2.10	3.49
Grants	64.2	87	42	0.01	0.01	0.53	0.90	2.48
Quemado	61.9	84	35	0.00	0.00	0.50	1.15	3.45
Albuquerque	71.9	91	52	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.31	2.46
Carrizozo	60.8	79	39	0.13	0.13	0.62	0.70	2.72
Socorro	71.8	92	48	0.17	0.17	0.52	0.23	1.93
Gran Quivera	66.1	91	38	0.00	0.00	0.82	0.27	3.70
Moriarty	63.6	90	33	0.00	0.21	0.97	0.76	3.07
Ruidoso	59.6	88	37	0.35	0.35	0.87	1.63	5.11
Carlsbad	76.1	103	51	0.00	0.16	1.16	2.27	2.65
Roswell	71.2	99	48	0.27	0.54	1.24	1.01	3.23
Tatum	68.6	100	43	0.04	0.05	2.09	2.34	4.14
Alamogordo	75.7	97	53	0.02	0.02	0.45	0.49	2.38
Animas	74.5	95	55	0.00	0.00	0.18	0.38	2.04
Deming	75.2	100	53	0.00	0.00	0.19	0.58	1.73
Las Cruces	75.5	97	56	0.36	0.36	0.29	0.58	1.55
T or C	74.2	94	53	0.18	0.18	0.49	0.31	1.89

(T) Trace (-) No Report (\*) Correction

All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.

## MILK PRODUCTION

**NEW MEXICO:** Milk production in the state during April totaled 654 million pounds. Production per cow averaged 1,875 pounds compared to 1,780 one year ago. The average number of milk cows during the month totaled 349,000 head compared to 347,000 the previous month and 323,000 head during the same time period in 2005.

**UNITED STATES:** Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 14.2 billion pounds, up 3.7 percent from April 2005. March revised production, at 14.6 billion pounds, was up 5.6 percent from March 2005. The March revision represented an increase of 25 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,727 pounds for April, 37 pounds above April 2005. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.24 million head, 124,000 head more than April 2005, and 13,000 head more than March 2006.

**Milk Cows and Production: March 2006 <sup>1/</sup> and April 2005-2006**

State	Milk Cows <sup>2/</sup>			Milk per Cow <sup>3/</sup>			Milk Production <sup>3/</sup>		
	4/05	3/06	4/06	4/05	3/06	4/06	4/05	3/06	4/06
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	164	170	172	2,060	2,195	2,145	338	373	369
CA	1,747	1,785	1,788	1,825	1,920	1,850	3,188	3,427	3,308
CO	103	107	108	1,865	1,980	1,900	192	212	205
FL	138	133	133	1,570	1,640	1,590	217	218	211
ID	443	476	478	1,850	1,880	1,850	820	895	884
IL	105	104	103	1,605	1,720	1,650	169	179	170
IN	157	163	164	1,780	1,775	1,715	279	289	281
IA	192	200	200	1,775	1,810	1,765	341	362	353
KS	111	111	112	1,755	1,840	1,810	195	204	203
KY	107	100	99	1,150	1,260	1,280	123	126	127
MI	311	316	317	1,830	1,910	1,855	569	604	588
MN	455	450	450	1,540	1,625	1,575	701	731	709
MO	119	115	116	1,430	1,500	1,500	170	173	174
<b>NM</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>1,780</b>	<b>1,910</b>	<b>1,875</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>654</b>
NY	646	649	649	1,565	1,630	1,590	1,011	1,058	1,032
OH	269	273	273	1,520	1,550	1,530	409	423	418
OR	121	121	121	1,610	1,610	1,530	195	195	185
PA	563	555	557	1,600	1,700	1,650	901	944	919
TX	319	328	328	1,780	2,000	1,935	568	656	635
VT	144	143	143	1,570	1,610	1,560	226	230	223
VA	105	103	103	1,485	1,560	1,535	156	161	158
WA	241	238	237	1,965	1,980	1,955	474	471	463
WI	1,234	1,241	1,241	1,540	1,620	1,580	1,900	2,010	1,961
<b>23 STS</b>	<b>8,117</b>	<b>8,228</b>	<b>8,241</b>	<b>1,690</b>	<b>1,775</b>	<b>1,727</b>	<b>13,717</b>	<b>14,604</b>	<b>14,230</b>

1/ Revised. 2/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**CATTLE ON FEED**

**NEW MEXICO:** Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in New Mexico feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 132,000 head on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2006. Our total inventory continues to decline as marketings outnumber placements. Placements during April totaled 18,000 head, down from 21,000 head in March. Marketings were up slightly to 24,000 head, compared to 23,000 the month before. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 head.

**UNITED STATES:** Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.6 million head on May 1, 2006. The inventory was 9 percent above May 1, 2005 and 11 percent above May 1, 2004. Net placements were 1.54 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 385,000, 600-699 pounds were 270,000, 700-799 pounds were 444,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 530,000. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.79 million, down slightly from 2005 and 5 percent below 2004. Other disappearance totaled 87,000 during April, 4 percent below 2005 and 10 percent below 2004.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots <sup>1/</sup>**

	Number on Feed			Placed			Marketed			Other Disappearance <sup>2/</sup>		
	5/1/04	4/1/05	5/1/05	-----DURING-----								
				4/04	3/05	4/05	4/04	3/05	4/05	4/04	3/05	4/05
	-----1,000 Head-----											
AZ	330	351	346	31	30	27	24	28	23	3	2	9
CA	500	535	530	64	59	60	59	68	60	5	6	5
CO	970	1,070	1,060	120	155	140	150	165	140	20	10	10
ID	240	250	245	39	42	31	37	45	34	2	2	2
IA	455	500	495	55	55	64	53	73	66	2	2	3
KS	2,260	2,590	2,530	375	480	375	425	470	410	30	30	25
NE	2,190	2,400	2,320	320	335	320	380	370	390	10	15	10
<b>NM</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
OK	305	360	340	52	68	48	70	72	66	2	1	2
SD	200	210	200	27	36	28	31	35	35	1	1	3
TX	2,630	2,940	2,910	500	485	455	480	540	470	10	15	15
WA	147	152	152	19	26	23	30	27	22	1	1	1
Oth	300	315	300	39	45	40	46	42	54	3	3	1
<b>US</b>	<b>10,641</b>	<b>11,812</b>	<b>11,560</b>	<b>1,660</b>	<b>1,837</b>	<b>1,629</b>	<b>1,80</b>	<b>1,958</b>	<b>1,794</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>87</b>

\* - Revised. <sup>1/</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. <sup>2/</sup> Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.