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Crop Weather Cattle On Feed Milk Production

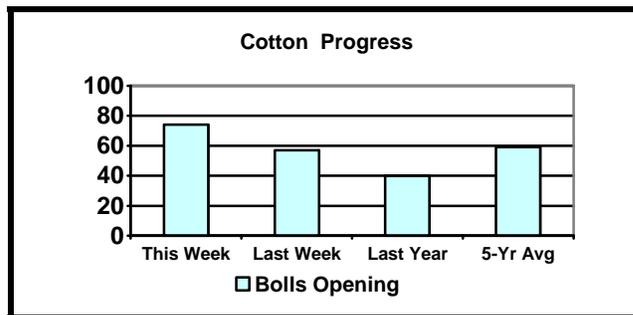
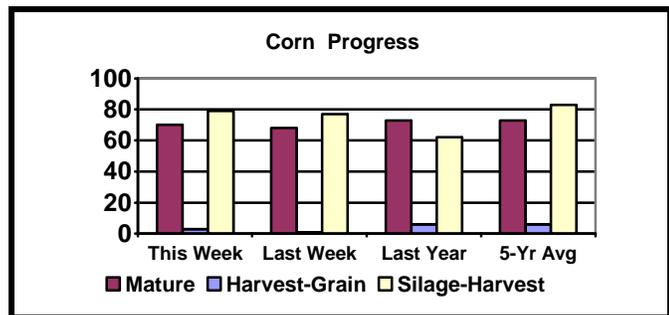
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 23, 2007

NEW MEXICO: There were 5.9 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 9% very short, 28% short and 51% adequate and 12% surplus. Wind damage was 7% light and 1% moderate. Hail damage was 2% light, 3% moderate and 2% severe. Farmers spent the week cutting and baling hay, planting, irrigating and harvesting crops. Alfalfa was reported as 2% poor, 14% fair, 47% good and 37% excellent with 87% of the fifth cutting complete, 47% of the sixth cutting complete and 8% of the seventh cutting complete. Cotton was reported as 10% poor, 29% fair, 42% good and 19% excellent with 74% bolls opening. Corn was reported as 4% fair, 53% good and 43% excellent with 70% mature; Corn for Grain 3% harvested; Corn for Silage 79% harvested. Irrigated sorghum was reported as 3% fair, 91% good, and 6% excellent with 91% coloring, 20% mature and 4% harvested for grain. Dry sorghum was reported as 40% poor, 40% fair and 20% good with 60% coloring. Total sorghum was reported as 24% poor, 25% fair, 49% good and 2% excellent with 72% coloring, 8% mature and 2% harvested. Total winter wheat planted was reported at 74% planted and 8% emerged. Chile was reported as 2% very poor, 6% poor, 48% fair, 35% good and 9% excellent, with green chile 82% harvested and red chile 16% harvested. Pecans were reported as 1% very poor, 20% fair, 31% good and 48% excellent. Peanuts were reported as 5% poor, 30% fair, 52% good and 13% excellent with 10% harvested. Cattle conditions were reported as 1% very poor, 2% poor, 17% fair, 43% good and 37% excellent. Sheep conditions were reported as 6% very poor, 9% poor, 9% fair, 39% good and 37% excellent. Range and pasture conditions were reported as 8% very poor, 16% poor, 29% fair, 36% good and 11% excellent. Ranchers are weaning and contracting calves, as well as shipping cattle.

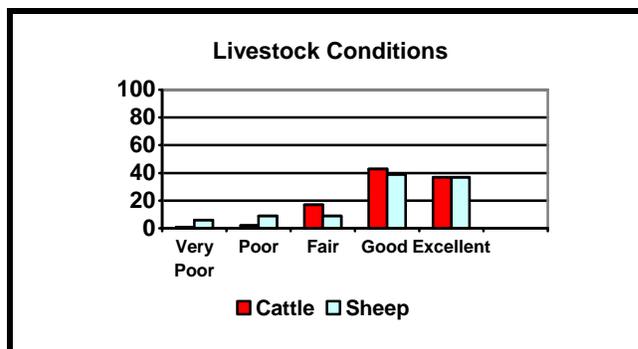
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
APPLES	Harvest	38	22	65	51
CHILE (Green)	Harvest	82	80	85	87
CHILE (Red)	Harvest	16	3	23	10
CORN	Mature	70	68	73	73
CORN	Harvest-Grain	3	1	6	6
CORN SILAGE	Harvest	79	77	62	83
COTTON	Bolls Opening	74	57	40	59
PEANUTS	Harvest	10	5	2	4
SORGHUM (Total)	Mature	8	6	10	8
SORGHUM (Total)	Coloring	72	67	57	62
WHEAT	Planted	74	52	90	82



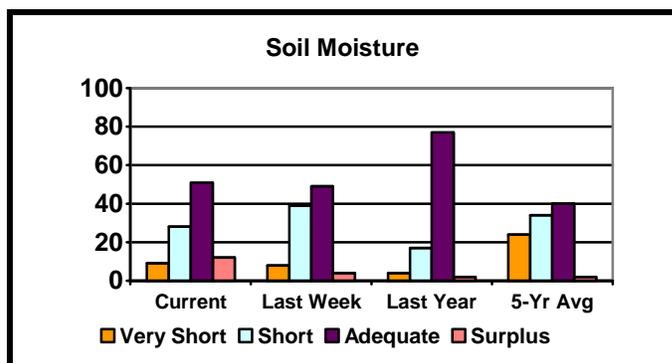
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	2	14	47	37
Apples	33	17	17	33	---
Chile	2	6	48	35	9
Cotton	---	10	29	42	19
Corn	---	---	4	53	43
Lettuce	---	---	10	60	30
Pecans	1	---	20	31	48
Peanuts	---	5	30	52	13
Sorghum (All)	---	24	25	49	2
Cattle	1	2	17	43	37
Sheep	6	9	9	39	37
Range/Pasture	8	16	29	36	11



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	7	29	57	7
Northeast	21	47	30	2
Southwest	---	12	72	16
Southeast	---	11	58	31
State Current	9	28	51	12
State-Last Week	8	39	49	4
State-Last Year	4	17	77	2
State-5-Yr Avg.	24	34	40	2



WEATHER SUMMARY

A fairly active and progressive weather pattern took shape during the week of September 17th through the 23rd. A vigorous upper level storm brought scattered showers and thunderstorms to the majority of the state on Thursday while additional showers and thunderstorms spread across the state on Sunday. Rainfall amounts on Thursday generally exceeded those on Sunday statewide. Temperatures in the northeast quadrant of the state ran above normal while the remainder of the state kept more seasonable. The weekly data was missing from Alamogordo, and Gran Quivira data was incomplete.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - SEPTEMBER 17 - 23, 2007

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	09/17 09/23	09/01 09/23	01/01 09/23	Normal Sep	Normal Jan-Sep
Farmington	66.4	84	48	0.47	0.53	6.83	0.97	6.33
Gallup	63.6	83	45	0.16	0.27	10.26	1.31	9.67
Capulin	62.5	79	35	0.58	1.19	16.69	2.22	15.30
Chama	57.8	79	35	1.60	3.39	19.91	2.23	16.13
Johnson Ranch	64.3	80	41	0.26	0.55	8.11	1.33	9.05
Las Vegas	62.3	80	43	1.01	3.34	15.68	2.40	16.27
Los Alamos	59.4	74	45	1.42	3.48	14.98	2.12	15.30
Raton	64.6	84	40	0.28	0.68	11.28	1.61	14.64
Red River	52.4	70	31	1.86	2.76	24.04	1.66	16.69
Santa Fe	64.1	84	45	0.69	1.81	11.14	1.51	11.54
Clayton	71.2	88	49	0.94	1.29	12.28	1.77	13.38
Clovis	73.6	90	56	0.68	1.20	15.11	2.16	14.90
Roy	68.9	87	47	0.30	0.75	11.70	1.90	13.74
Tucumcari	75.9	94	57	0.11	0.46	10.49	1.47	12.45
Grants	64.4	88	40	0.22	1.00	8.02	1.56	8.51
Quemado	60.4	81	37	0.03	2.19	7.97	1.73	11.41
Albuquerque	69.0	86	54	0.23	0.24	8.16	1.00	7.06
Carrizozo	68.9	86	46	0.40	1.44	9.26	1.88	10.12
Socorro	68.1	85	47	0.77	1.57	10.09	1.53	7.37
Gran Quivira	66.3	82	48	0.00	0.27	12.92	1.95	12.74
Moriarty	63.0	89	39	0.87	1.62	8.70	1.61	10.67
Ruidoso	60.5	77	40	0.10	2.08	19.65	2.50	17.53
Carlsbad	75.3	93	59	0.29	1.34	13.75	2.75	10.74
Roswell	71.8	89	55	0.86	2.30	13.45	1.87	10.64
Tatum	72.1	87	57	0.69	2.59	22.42	2.36	13.53
Alamogordo	---	---	---	0.00	0.06	6.55	1.99	9.91
Animas	73.6	89	54	0.17	0.80	9.09	1.68	8.76
Deming	72.4	91	53	0.32	1.16	6.32	1.63	8.11
Las Cruces	74.6	91	57	0.04	1.14	9.24	1.36	7.28
T or C	76.0	93	59	0.45	0.31	6.62	1.08	7.67

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

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

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 131,000 on September 1, 2007. This compares to 129,000 head on August 1, 2007. Placements increased by 10,000 head from July 2007 to a total of 22,000 head in August 2007. Marketings were up by 5,000 head to 19,000 in August. Other disappearance remained at 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 10.3 million head on September 1, 2007. The inventory was 6 percent below September 1, 2006 but 3 percent above September 1, 2005. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.12 million, 7 percent below 2006 but 6 percent above 2005. Net placements were 2.07 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 490,000, 600-699 pounds were 440,000, 700-799 pounds were 549,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 640,000. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.07 million, virtually unchanged from 2006 but 2 percent above 2005. Other disappearance totaled 50,000 during August, 15 percent below 2006 and 6 percent below 2005.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots ^{1/}

	Number on Feed			Placed			Marketed			Other Disappearance ^{2/}		
	9/1/06	8/1/07	9/1/07	-----DURING-----								
				8/06	7/07	8/07	8/06	7/07	8/07	8/06	7/07	8/07
AZ	336	341	348	30	32	36	31	33	28	2	1	1
CA	520	540	530	66	51	54	59	54	62	2	2	2
CO	960	870	850	200	115	170	175	175	185	5	10	5
ID	235	205	205	55	35	48	44	49	47	1	1	1
IA	455	500	490	80	64	71	69	73	80	1	1	1
KS	2,390	2,100	2,140	590	430	520	540	450	465	20	20	15
NE	2,050	1,910	1,930	470	350	465	360	480	435	10	10	10
NM	142	129	131	26	12	22	26	14	19	2	1	1
OK	345	305	310	77	48	75	76	67	69	1	1	1
SD	155	175	175	30	22	37	37	42	36	3	2	1
TX	2,960	2,780	2,740	570	390	520	570	470	550	10	10	10
WA	158	144	148	35	27	35	30	32	30	1	1	1
Oth Sts	280	300	305	61	46	66	50	60	60	1	1	1
US	10,986	10,299	10,302	2,290	1,622	2,119	2,067	1,999	2,066	59	61	50

^{1/} 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. ^{2/} Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

MILK PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Milk production in New Mexico during August totaled 621 million pounds compared to 644 during August 2006. Milk per cow for the month averaged 1,855 pounds. Number of milk cows on farms remains at 335,000 head.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 14.3 billion pounds, up 3.6 percent from August 2006. July revised production at 14.5 billion pounds, was up 4.0 percent from July 2006. The July revision represented an increase of 10.0 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,721 pounds for August, 45 pounds above August 2006. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.33 million head, 72,000 head more than August 2006, and 11,000 head more than July 2007.

Milk Cows and Production: July 2007 ^{1/} and August 2006-2007

State	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	8/06	7/07	8/07	8/06	7/07	8/07	8/06	7/07	8/07
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	173	181	181	1,655	1,875	1,760	286	339	319
CA	1,770	1,811	1,817	1,860	1,905	1,900	3,292	3,450	3,452
CO	112	119	119	1,950	1,980	1,940	218	236	231
FL	130	127	126	1,180	1,380	1,200	153	175	151
ID	497	516	517	1,960	1,970	1,970	974	1,017	1,018
IL	103	103	103	1,550	1,550	1,480	160	160	152
IN	165	166	166	1,625	1,685	1,670	268	280	277
IA	207	215	215	1,620	1,680	1,650	335	361	355
KS	113	108	108	1,740	1,760	1,715	197	190	185
KY	96	89	89	990	1,150	1,090	95	102	97
MI	320	336	338	1,840	1,945	1,910	589	654	646
MN	450	463	463	1,525	1,575	1,555	686	729	720
MO	115	110	109	1,185	1,220	1,170	136	134	128
NM	362	335	335	1,780	1,850	1,855	644	620	621
NY	634	626	625	1,580	1,650	1,640	1,002	1,033	1,025
OH	274	276	276	1,440	1,530	1,490	395	422	411
OR	118	114	114	1,640	1,660	1,640	194	189	187
PA	554	550	551	1,580	1,610	1,620	875	886	893
TX	337	348	348	1,655	1,720	1,670	558	599	581
VT	141	139	139	1,510	1,555	1,540	213	216	214
VA	102	100	100	1,350	1,450	1,420	138	145	132
WA	238	236	240	1,980	2,000	2,000	471	472	480
WI	1,244	1,248	1,248	1,575	1,670	1,640	1,959	2,084	2,047
23 STS	8,255	8,316	8,327	1,676	1,743	1,721	13,838	14,493	14,332

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