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Crop Weather Agricultural Prices Received Prospective Plantings

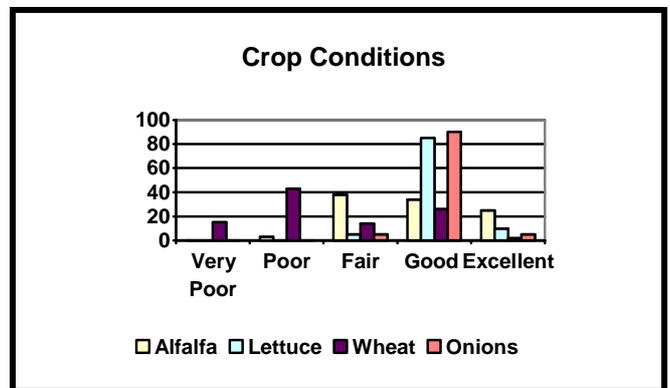
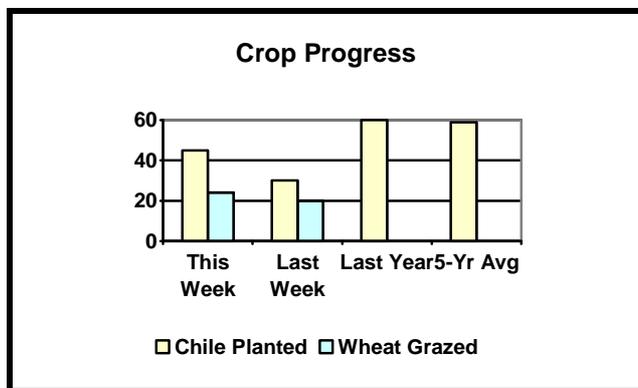
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 30, 2007

NEW MEXICO: There were 6.8 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 44% very short, 37% short, 18% adequate and 1% surplus. Wind damage was 20% light, 14% moderate and 3% severe. Freeze damage was 14% light and 3% moderate. Farmers continued to prepare fields, plant crops and irrigate fields. Alfalfa was reported as 3% poor, 38% fair, 34% good and 25% excellent. Irrigated winter wheat was reported as 6% poor, 25% fair, 65% good, and 4% excellent, with 45% being reported as grazed. Dry winter wheat was reported as 25% very poor, 68% poor, and 7% fair, with 10% being reported as grazed. Total winter wheat was reported as 15% very poor, 43% poor, 14% fair, 26% good, and 2% excellent, with 24% being reported as grazed. Onions were reported as 5% fair, 90% good and 5% excellent. Lettuce was reported as 5% fair, 85% good and 10% excellent. Chile was reported as 3% poor, 87% fair, and 10% good with 45% reported as planted. Cattle conditions were reported as 1% very poor, 24% poor, 40% fair, 33% good and 2% excellent. Sheep conditions were reported as 9% very poor, 31% poor, 38% fair and 22% good. Range and pasture conditions were reported as 14% very poor, 40% poor, 35% fair and 11% good. Livestock producers have been busy supplemental feeding due to dry rangelands, as well as continuing to help with calving.

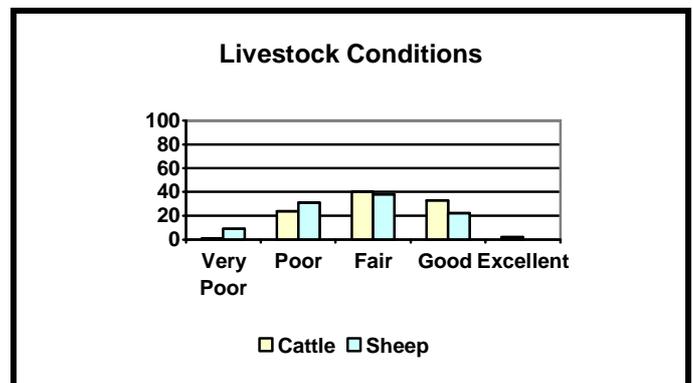
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Planted	45	30	60	59
WHEAT	Grazed	24	20	N/A	N/A



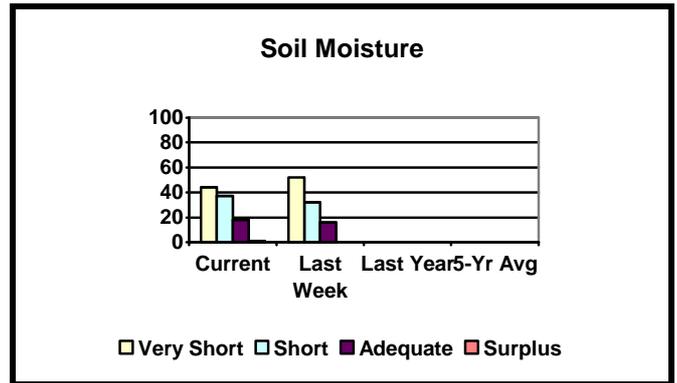
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	3	38	34	25
Chile	---	3	87	10	---
Lettuce	---	---	5	85	10
Onions	---	---	5	90	5
Wheat (All)	15	43	14	26	2
Cattle	1	24	40	33	2
Sheep	9	31	38	22	---
Range/Pasture	14	40	35	11	---



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	30	24	46	---
Northeast	57	35	8	---
Southwest	27	63	10	---
Southeast	51	32	10	7
State Current	44	37	18	1
State-Last Week	52	32	16	---
State-Last Year	---	---	---	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	---	---	---	---



WEATHER SUMMARY

THE ONLY LIGHT PRECIPITATION DURING THE WEEK WAS SUNDAY NIGHT OVER THE MOUNTAINS OF NORTHERN NEW MEXICO. TEMPERATURES WERE WELL ABOVE NORMAL WITH BREEZY TO WINDY AFTERNOONS THROUGH THE WEEK.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - MARCH 24 – 30, 2007

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	03/24 03/30	03/01 03/30	01/01 03/30	Normal Mar.	Normal Jan-Mar
Farmington	50.1	70	20	0.00	0.07	2.02	0.81	1.97
Gallup	47.9	68	22	0.00	0.10	3.65	1.05	2.59
Capulin	45.1	69	22	0.00	1.02	1.68	0.89	1.85
Chama	38.4	57	15	0.00	0.14	5.87	1.99	5.34
Johnson Ranch	44.2	68	14	0.00	0.00	2.09	0.74	1.98
Las Vegas	48.5	70	19	0.00	0.22	0.89	0.63	1.71
Los Alamos	48.0	64	26	0.00	0.34	2.84	1.22	2.88
Raton	48.6	75	21	0.00	0.39	0.75	0.83	1.84
Red River	34.9	54	14	0.00	0.52	2.27	1.78	4.07
Santa Fe	48.4	72	21	0.00	0.39	2.34	0.74	2.06
Clayton	50.4	79	25	0.00	1.73	2.02	0.55	1.10
Clovis	55.7	82	27	0.00	0.38	2.07	0.59	1.49
Roy	51.4	75	19	0.00	0.56	1.12	0.55	1.32
Tucumcari	58.9	84	31	0.00	0.24	0.32	0.40	1.13
Grants	47.7	69	12	0.00	0.09	1.78	0.50	1.50
Quemado	43.7	68	17	0.00	0.00	1.05	0.80	2.35
Albuquerque	56.0	75	32	0.00	0.00	0.80	0.54	1.44
Carrizozo	52.0	75	18	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.57	1.74
Socorro	55.3	82	29	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.27	1.05
Gran Quivira	51.0	75	21	0.00	0.28	0.91	0.72	2.24
Moriarty	45.4	73	13	0.00	0.45	1.21	0.53	1.44
Ruidoso	46.5	66	15	0.00	0.15	1.41	1.33	3.61
Carlsbad	61.5	88	34	0.00	0.07	0.09	0.30	1.00
Roswell	58.1	87	32	0.00	0.19	0.22	0.45	1.34
Tatum	55.4	83	28	0.00	0.11	0.15	0.52	1.41
Alamogordo	58.9	82	27	0.00	0.00	0.42	0.46	1.67
Animas	61.6	82	35	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.47	1.66
Deming	58.1	82	32	0.00	0.00	0.42	0.34	1.36
Las Cruces	60.1	83	36	0.00	0.00	0.17	0.22	1.05
T or C	60.1	80	31	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.34	1.18

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

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

AGRICULTURAL PRICES RECEIVED

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa hay prices for March 2008 remained constant with the previous month's price of \$161.00 per ton. All Hay prices also remained constant at \$158.00 per ton. Cow prices increased to \$52.40 from the February price of \$51.10 per hundredweight. Steer and heifer prices remained at \$100.00 per hundredweight. Calf prices increased by \$2.00 to \$119.00 per hundredweight. Milk prices dropped to \$17.70 per hundredweight from \$18.50 per hundredweight in February.

Prices Received by Farmers: Selected Commodities, February 2008 and March 2007-08

Commodity	Unit	New Mexico			U.S. ^{1/}
		Mar 2007 ^{2/}	Feb 2008 ^{2/}	Mar 2008 ^{1/}	Mar 2008
-----Dollars-----					
CROPS					
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	-	-	-	8.72
Cotton, Upland	Lb.	-	-	-	.614
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	7.82
Hay, all baled	Ton	168.00	158.00	158.00	139.00
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	172.00	161.00	161.00	143.00
Peanuts	Lb.	-	-	-	.209
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	4.83
Wheat, All	Bu.	-	-	-	11.70
LIVESTOCK					
Sheep ^{3/}	Cwt.	-	-	-	29.90
Lambs ^{3/}	Cwt.	-	-	-	96.80
Cows	Cwt.	47.60	51.10	52.40	52.20
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	101.00	100.00	100.00	93.80
Calves	Cwt.	122.00	117.00	119.00	120.00
Milk	Cwt.	15.00	18.50	17.70	18.30

^{1/} Mid-month ^{2/} Entire month ^{3/} February - entire month

PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

NEW MEXICO: **Corn** growers intend to plant 125,000 acres of corn for all purposes in 2008, down 7.4 percent from 2007. **Sorghum** growers intend to plant 105,000 acres, level with last year. The current **winter wheat** planted acreage is estimated at 480,000 acres, down 2 percent from 2007. **Peanut** intended plantings are 9,000 acres, down 10 percent from 2007. **Upland cotton** growers intend to plant 29,000 acres, down 37 percent from 2007. **Pima cotton** growers intend to plant 2,600 acres, down 4.6 percent from 2007. **All hay** to be harvested this year is 310,000 acres, down 11.4 percent from 2007.

UNITED STATES: **Corn** growers intend to plant 86.0 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2008, down 8 percent from last year's acreage which was the highest since 1944. Intended **all wheat** planted area is estimated at 63.8 million acres, up 6 percent from 2007. The 2008 winter wheat planted area, at 46.8 million acres, is 4 percent above last year and up slightly from the previous estimate. **All cotton** plantings for 2008 are expected to total 9.39 million acres, 13 percent below last year. **Upland** acreage is expected to total 9.19 million, down 13 percent from last year, the lowest since 1983. **American-Pima** cotton growers intend to decrease their plantings by 30 percent from 2007, to 203,600 acres. **Peanut** growers intend to plant 1.43 million acres of peanuts in 2008, up 16 percent from 2007. **Sorghum** expected planted area for all purposes in 2008 is estimated at 7.42 million acres, down 4 percent from 2007. **Hay** producers expect to harvest 60.6 million acres of all hay in 2008, down 2 percent from 2007.

Crop Summary, Acres Planted, New Mexico and U.S., 2007-2008

	New Mexico				United States			
	2006	2007	2008 ^{1/}	2008/2007	2006	2007	2008 ^{1/}	2008/2007
	-----1,000 Acres-----		--Percent--		-----1,000 Acres-----		---Percent---	
Corn	130	135	125	93	78,327	93,600	86,014	92
Sorghum	110	105	105	100	6,522	7,718	7,415	96
Oats	---	---	---	---	4,168	3,760	3,420	91
Barley	---	---	---	---	3,452	4,020	4,147	103
All Wheat	440	490	480	98	57,344	60,433	63,803	106
Winter	440	490	480	98	40,575	44,987	46,840	104
Other Spring	---	---	---	---	14,899	13,297	14,333	108
Soybeans	---	---	---	---	75,522	63,631	74,793	118
Peanuts	12.0	10.0	9.0	90	1,243.0	1,230.0	1,430.0	116
All Cotton	63.0	50.8	31.6	62	15,274.0	10,830.3	9,389.6	87
Upland	50.0	46.0	29.0	63	14,948.0	10,538.0	9,186.0	87
A-P	13.0	4.8	2.6	54	326.0	292.3	203.6	70
All Hay ^{2/}	310	350	310	89	60,927	61,625	60,583	98

^{1/} Intended plantings in 2008 as indicated by reports from farmers; ^{2/} Intended area harvested in 2008 as indicated by reports from farmers.

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