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## Crop Weather

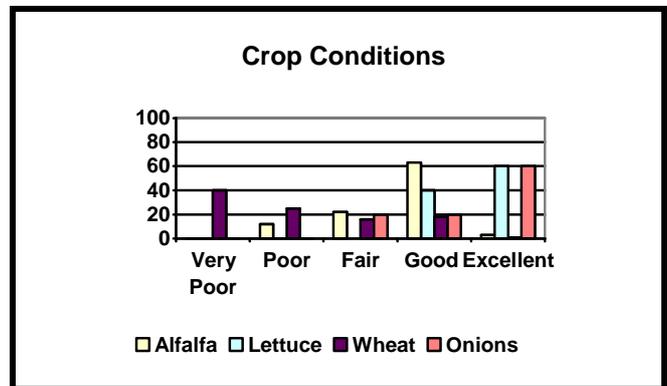
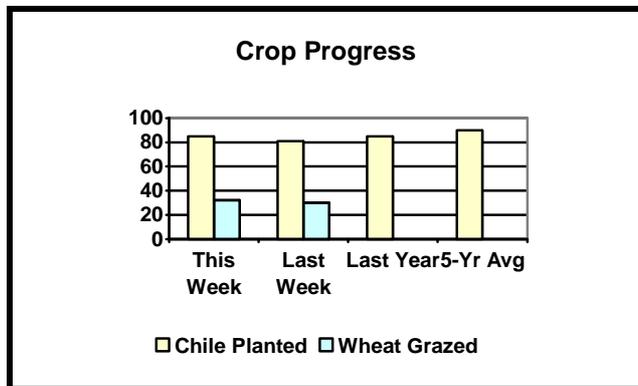
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### CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 27, 2008

**NEW MEXICO:** There were 7.0 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 51% very short, 36% short and 13% adequate. Wind damage was 37% light and 12% moderate. Freeze damage was 11% light, 6% moderate and 2% severe. Alfalfa was reported as 12% poor, 22% fair, 63% good, and 3% excellent, with 31% of first cutting complete. Cotton was reported as 27% planted. Corn was reported as 42% planted. Irrigated sorghum was reported as 1% planted. Irrigated winter wheat was reported as 11% poor, 40% fair, 46% good, and 3% excellent, with 35% headed, and 57% grazed. Dry winter wheat was reported as 66% very poor, and 34% poor, with 8% headed, and 16% grazed. Total winter wheat was 40% very poor, 25% poor, 16% fair, 18% good, and 1% excellent, with 19% headed, and 32% grazed. Lettuce was reported as 40% good and 60% excellent. Chile was reported as 1% poor, 28% fair, 34% good, and 37% excellent, with 85% planted. Onions were 20% fair, 20% good, and 60% excellent. Apples were reported as 100% fair with 100% average fruit set. Cattle conditions were 4% very poor, 26% poor, 41% fair, 28% good, and 1% excellent. Sheep conditions were 11% very poor, 29% poor, 36% fair, and 24% good. Range and pasture conditions were 20% very poor, 50% poor, 22% fair, and 8% good. Farmers spent the week planting, irrigating, and fertilizing crops. Livestock producers have been busy supplemental feeding and hauling water. Weather conditions were reported as follows: dry and breezy conditions through the week with warm afternoon temperatures and cold morning lows.

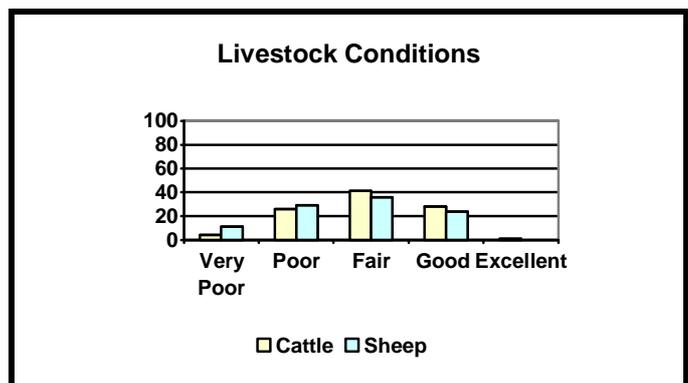
### CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Planted	85	81	85	90
CORN	Planted	42	13	50	37
COTTON	Planted	27	8	39	45
WHEAT	Grazed	32	30	N/A	N/A



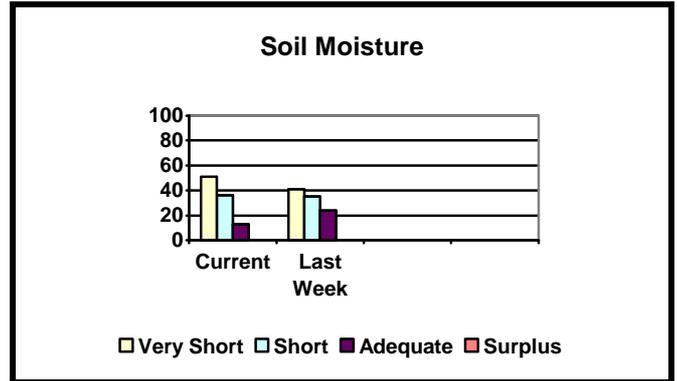
### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	12	22	63	3
Chile	---	1	28	34	37
Lettuce	---	---	---	40	60
Onions	---	---	20	20	60
Wheat (All)	40	25	16	18	1
Cattle	4	26	41	28	1
Sheep	11	29	36	24	---
Range/Pasture	20	50	22	8	---



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	23	60	17	---
Northeast	50	47	3	---
Southwest	65	28	7	---
Southeast	60	7	33	---
State Current	51	36	13	---
State-Last Week	41	35	24	---
State-Last Year	---	---	---	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	---	---	---	---



WEATHER SUMMARY

DRY AND BREEZY CONDITIONS THROUGH WEEK WITH WARM AFTERNOON TEMPERATURES AND COLD MORNING LOWS.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – APRIL 21 - 27, 2008

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 04/21 04/27	Month 04/01 04/27	Accum. 2008	Normal Apr	Normal Jan-Apr
Farmington	45.1	76	18	0.00	0.03	2.05	0.51	2.48
Gallup	46.6	72	18	0.00	0.00	3.65	0.64	3.23
Capulin	46.0	73	17	0.00	0.80	2.48	1.01	2.86
Chama	41.6	67	14	0.00	0.40	6.30	1.27	6.61
Johnson Ranch	44.4	75	19	0.00	0.15	2.24	0.49	2.47
Las Vegas	49.0	73	18	0.00	0.36	1.25	0.83	2.54
Los Alamos	52.5	70	34	0.00	0.10	2.94	1.00	3.88
Raton	50.9	79	20	0.00	0.11	0.86	1.06	2.90
Red River	39.2	62	15	0.00	0.86	3.17	1.68	5.75
Santa Fe	49.5	75	17	0.00	0.15	2.49	0.81	2.87
Clayton	57.1	82	28	0.00	0.01	2.03	0.94	2.04
Clovis	59.7	85	34	0.00	0.24	2.31	0.81	2.30
Roy	53.3	80	22	0.00	0.31	1.43	0.82	2.14
Tucumcari	60.6	86	34	0.05	1.49	1.81	0.87	2.00
Grants	46.3	76	17	0.00	0.00	1.78	0.45	1.95
Quemado	45.6	75	16	0.00	0.05	1.10	0.60	2.95
Albuquerque	57.9	80	39	0.00	0.11	0.91	0.52	1.96
Carrizozo	59.8	80	35	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.36	2.10
Socorro	58.8	85	30	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.36	1.41
Gran Quivira	53.8	77	27	0.00	0.06	0.97	0.64	2.88
Moriarty	49.8	78	22	0.00	0.12	1.33	0.66	2.10
Ruidoso	51.0	74	26	0.00	0.02	1.43	0.63	4.24
Carlsbad	66.9	94	41	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.49	1.49
Roswell	63.9	91	40	0.00	0.00	0.22	0.65	1.99
Tatum	61.1	89	38	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.64	2.05
Alamogordo	61.5	85	33	0.00	0.00	0.42	0.26	1.93
Animas	59.5	85	26	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.20	1.86
Deming	61.9	86	37	0.00	0.00	0.42	0.18	1.54
Las Cruces	63.1	85	42	0.00	0.00	0.17	0.21	1.26
T or C	62.7	85	42	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.22	1.40

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

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