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AGRICULTURAL PRICES RECEIVED

NEW MEXICO: The January alfalfa hay price, at \$136.00 per ton, was \$3.00 above December and \$6.00 above last year's price of \$130.00. Cow prices increased \$2.00 in January to \$41.50 per cwt. This was unchanged from last year at the same time, and was \$4.40 above the U.S. average. Steer and heifer prices, at \$82.30 per cwt., were \$1.30 cents above last month, but \$7.60 below last year. This price was \$11.80 above the U.S. average. Calf prices, at \$97.90, were \$3.10 below last month and \$8.10 below last year. The New Mexico calf price was \$2.10 below the U.S. average. Milk prices were \$13.30 per cwt. in January, 20 cents below last month and last December. The U.S. average was also \$13.30 per cwt. in January.

Prices Received by Farmers: Selected Commodities, December 2001 and January 2001-02

Commodity	Unit	New Mexico			U.S. ^{1/}
		Jan 2001	Dec 2001 ^{2/}	Jan 2002 ^{1/}	Jan
-----Dollars-----					
CROPS					
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	--	--	--	3.35
Cotton, Upland	Lb	--	--	--	.290
Potatoes	Cwt	--	--	--	6.84
Hay, all baled	Ton	128.00	131.00	133.00	93.00
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	130.00	133.00	136.00	101.00
Peanuts	Lb	--	--	--	.176
Corn	Bu	--	--	--	1.98
Wheat, all	Bu	--	--	--	2.94
LIVESTOCK					
Sheep ^{3/}	Cwt	---	---	---	33.50
Lambs ^{3/}	Cwt	---	---	---	61.70
Cows	Cwt	41.50	39.50	41.50	37.10
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	89.90	81.00	82.30	70.50
Calves	Cwt	106.00	101.00	97.90	100.00
Milk	Cwt	13.50	13.50	13.30	13.30

^{1/} Mid-month. ^{2/} Entire month. ^{3/} December- Entire Month

CATTLE INVENTORY

NEW MEXICO: The January 1, 2002 inventory of **all cattle and calves** at 1.58 million head was unchanged from a year ago due to the continued growth of the dairy industry in New Mexico. **Beef cow** inventory fell 7.2 percent to 500,000 head. Ranchers maintained 100,000 heifers for **beef cow replacement**, up 5.3 percent from the previous year. **Milk cow** inventory continues to increase in New Mexico growing 11 percent from 2001 to 290,000 head for 2002. Dairy producers kept 60,000 head of **dairy heifers** for replacement, up 9.1 percent from last year. The number of **steers** weighing 500 pounds and over increased 20,000 head from the year previous to 200,000. **Bulls** on hand remained at 50,000 head. The 2001 calf crop, including both beef and dairy calves, was estimated at 610,000 head, down 3.2 percent from the previous year. **Calves** on hand January 1, 2001 totaled 270,000, the same as a year earlier. **Cattle and calves on full feed for slaughter** on January 1, 2002 fell to 108,000 head, 7,000 fewer than a year earlier.

UNITED STATES: All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2002, totaled 96.7 million head, 1 percent below the 97.3 million on January 1, 2001 and 2 percent below the 98.2 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.2 million, were 1 percent below both the 42.6 million on January 1, 2001 and the 42.8 million two years ago.

Beef cows, at 33.1 million, were down 1 percent from both January 1, 2001 and January 1, 2000.
Milk cows, at 9.11 million, were down 1 percent from both January 1, 2001 and two years ago.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2002 and the change from January 1, 2001, are as follows:

All heifers 500 pounds and over, 19.7 million, down slightly.
Beef replacement heifers, 5.56 million, down slightly.
Milk replacement heifers, 4.06 million, up slightly.
Other heifers, 10.1 million, down 1 percent.
Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.8 million, up 2 percent.
Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.24 million, down 1 percent.
Calves under 500 pounds, 15.8 million, down 3 percent.
Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 13.9 million, down 2 percent.

The 2001 calf crop was estimated at 38.3 million head, down 1 percent from both 2000 and 1999. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 28.1 million, down 1 percent from both 2000 and 1999.

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop January 1 2001-2002, New Mexico and U.S.

	New Mexico		United States	
	2001	2002	2001	2002
	-----1,000 Head-----			
Cattle and Calves	1,580	1,580	97,276.5	96,704.0
Cows and heifers that have calved				
Beef Cows	539	500	33,397.2	33,099.7
Milk Cows	261	290	9,182.7	9,109.6
Heifers 500 lbs. And over				
For beef cow replacement	95	100	5,588.1	5,561.0
For milk cow replacement	55	60	4,057.0	4,060.2
Other	130	110	10,131.0	10,057.1
Steers 500 lbs. and over	180	200	16,441.1	16,799.8
Bulls 500 lbs. and over	50	50	2,273.8	2,243.8
Calves under 500 lbs.	270	270	16,205.6	15,772.8
Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter	115	108	14,201.4	13,860.3
Calf crop (previous year)	630	610	38,630.6	38,280.4

SHEEP INVENTORY

NEW MEXICO: The January 1, 2002 inventory of **all sheep and lambs** totaled 230,000 head, down 9.8 percent from last year. **Breeding sheep** showed a decrease of 7.5 percent, totaling 185,000 head. **Market sheep and lambs** decreased by 18 percent going from 55,000 head last year to 45,000 head this year. The 2001 **lamb crop**, at 140,000 head, was down 9.7 percent from 2000.

UNITED STATES: All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2002, totaled 6.69 million head, down 4 percent from 2001 and 5 percent below two years ago. The inventory has trended down since peaking at 56.2 million head in 1942.

Breeding sheep inventory declined to 4.91 million head on January 1, 2002, down 1 percent from 4.97 million head on January 1, 2001. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.98 million head, were 3 percent below last year.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2002, totaled 1.77 million head, down 11 percent from January 1, 2001. Market lambs comprised 96 percent of the total. Twenty-five percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 17 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 23 percent 85 - 105 pounds, 31 percent were over 105 pounds, and 4 percent were market sheep.

The 2001 lamb crop of 4.50 million head was down 3 percent from 2000 and established a new record low. The 2001 lambing rate was 110 per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2001, compared with 109 in 2000.

Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class and Lamb Crop, January 1, 2001-2002, New Mexico and U.S.

Class	New Mexico		United States	
	2001	2002	2001	2002
	-----1,000 Head-----			
All Sheep and Lambs	255.0	230.0	6,965.0	6,685.0
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	200.0	185.0	4,967.0	4,913.0
Market Sheep and Lambs	55.0	45.0	1,998.0	1,772.0
Market Lambs under 65 lbs.	11.0	9.0	470.6	435.9
65-84 lbs.	16.0	14.0	359.4	299.9
85-105 lbs.	16.0	13.0	487.3	415.6
Over 105 lbs.	9.0	6.0	604.2	549.0
Market Sheep	3.0	3.0	76.5	71.6
Lamb crop Jan. 1 previous year ^{1/}	155.0	140.0	4,622.0	4,495.0

^{1/}Lamb crop is defined as lambs born in the Eastern States and lambs docked or branded in the Western States.

GOAT INVENTORY

Angora goats in **New Mexico** decreased by 5,000 head in 2002 to 20,000 head compared to 25,000 head in 2001. A 16% decrease in the U.S. total was also evident as totals dropped by 57,000 head compared to 2001.

Goats: Inventory, Selected States and Total, January 1, 2001-2002

Class	Angora		All Goats	
	2001	2002	2001	2002
	-----1,000 Head-----			
AZ	34	32		
NM	25	20		
TX	300	250	1,400	1,250
Total	359	302	1,400	1,250

WEATHER SUMMARY

Two winter storms affected New Mexico during the week. A mid-week storm brought some 1 to 2 foot snowfalls to northern amounts at elevations above reporting stations. Another storm affected extreme southern New Mexico at the end of the week, especially the southwest. During the week, virtually all of New Mexico received some precipitation.

New Mexico Weather Conditions January 28, 2002-February 03, 2002

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	01/28 02/03	02/01 02/03	Normal Feb	01/01 02/03	Normal Jan-Feb
Carlsbad	45.7	78	20	0.09	0.01	0.35	0.12	0.70
Tatum	39.6	72	19	0.67	0.00	0.50	0.78	0.89
Roswell	42.6	78	23	0.29	0.00	0.46	0.54	0.89
Clayton	31.1	65	10	0.02	0.00	0.31	0.12	0.55
Clovis	38.2	72	16	0.32	0.00	0.51	0.35	0.90
Roy	29.9	56	0	0.22	0.00	0.43	0.22	0.77
Tucumcari	34.4	72	7	0.23	0.00	0.45	0.45	0.73
Chama	21.4	46	-8	0.10	0.00	1.58	0.22	3.35
Johnson Ranch	24.2	46	-5	0.00	0.00	0.57	0.21	1.24
Capulin	26.5	55	-11	0.21	0.00	0.56	0.38	0.96
Las Vegas	28.2	54	1	0.14	0.00	0.39	0.24	0.71
Los Alamos	31.5	42	12	0.43	0.00	0.80	0.79	1.66
Raton	25.5	56	-4	0.10	0.00	0.54	0.46	1.01
Santa Fe	27.2	52	-2	0.36	0.00	0.69	0.55	1.32
Red River	19.5	40	-13	0.33	0.00	1.22	0.82	2.29
Farmington	30.2	52	6	0.03	0.00	0.57	0.03	1.16
Gallup	23.6	48	-9	0.07	0.00	0.74	0.18	1.54
Grants	26.2	52	-5	0.13	0.00	0.51	0.37	1.00
Silver City	31.9	55	11	T	0.00	1.25	0.00	2.41
Quemado	25.4	55	-7	0.10	0.00	0.72	0.10	1.55
Albuquerque	34.9	55	14	0.26	0.00	0.46	0.34	0.90
Carrizozo	42.0	64	25	0.44	0.00	0.57	1.02	1.17
Gran Quivera	35.2	60	5	0.10	0.00	0.82	0.37	1.52
Moriarty	31.6	61	3	0.10	0.00	0.48	0.27	0.91
Ruidoso	35.0	55	2	0.66	0.00	1.16	1.16	2.28
Socorro	38.9	63	8	T	0.00	0.39	0.31	0.78
Alamogordo	45.4	73	19	0.06	0.06	0.54	0.06	1.21
Animas	38.7	66	18	0.90	0.90	0.51	0.90	1.19
Deming	40.8	69	22	0.71	0.38	0.46	0.73	1.02
T or C	36.1	66	14	0.05	0.02	0.38	0.17	0.84
Las Cruces	41.8	70	19	0.34	0.00	0.37	0.35	0.83

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

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