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WEATHER SUMMARY

Lingering showers in the far south provided measurable moisture from Deming east to Carlsbad and Roswell early in the week. Otherwise, precipitation was scarce. Temperatures for the week were cool or generally 3 to 6 degrees below average with several cold fronts producing breezy winds as they crossed the state.

New Mexico Weather Conditions February 04-10, 2002

	Temperature			Precipitation				
Station	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	02/04 02/10	02/01 02/10	Normal Feb	01/01 02/10	Normal Jan-Feb
Carlsbad	42.4	70	26	0.60	0.61	0.35	0.72	0.70
Tatum	38.1	66	22	0.43	0.43	0.50	1.21	0.89
Roswell	41.5	74	23	0.14	0.14	0.46	0.50	0.89
Clayton	35.0	66	20	T	0.00	0.31	0.12	0.55
Clovis	39.1	68	21	T	0.00	0.51	0.35	0.90
Roy	35.5	59	11	0.00	0.00	0.43	0.22	0.77
Tucumcari	39.2	69	18	T	0.00	0.45	0.45	0.73
Chama	20.4	45	-5	0.00	0.00	1.58	0.22	3.35
Johnson Ranch	25.5	51	4	0.00	0.00	0.57	0.21	1.24
Capulin	26.8	55	4	T	0.00	0.56	0.38	0.96
Las Vegas	31.4	57	10	0.00	0.00	0.39	0.24	0.71
Los Alamos	27.1	48	7	T	0.00	0.80	0.72	1.66
Raton	29.1	57	3	T	0.00	0.54	0.33	1.01
Santa Fe	27.4	53	6	0.00	0.00	0.69	0.55	1.32
Red River	18.1	44	-9	T	0.00	1.22	0.77	2.29
Farmington	29.6	54	6	0.00	0.00	0.57	0.03	1.16
Gallup	25.9	55	-1	0.00	0.00	0.74	0.11	1.54
Grants	28.4	56	4	0.00	0.00	0.51	0.37	1.00
Silver City	35.0	57	10	0.00	0.00	1.25	0.00	2.41
Quemado	28.6	55	2	0.00	0.00	0.72	0.10	1.55
Albuquerque	36.0	62	20	T	0.00	0.46	0.34	0.90
Carrizozo	36.9	58	16	0.00	0.00	0.57	1.02	1.17
Gran Quivera	33.7	56	12	0.01	0.01	0.82	0.38	1.52
Moriarty	31.6	60	10	0.00	0.00	0.48	0.27	0.91
Ruidoso	31.4	54	8	0.20	0.20	1.16	0.86	2.28
Socorro	36.3	66	11	0.05	0.05	0.39	0.31	0.78
Alamogordo	44.4	64	27	0.00	0.06	0.54	0.06	1.21
Animas	41.4	67	25	0.38	1.28	0.51	1.28	1.19
Deming	42.1	66	25	0.14	0.52	0.46	0.85	1.02
T or C	39.9	69	22	0.08	0.10	0.38	0.13	0.84
Las Cruces	42.1	67	23	0.85	0.85	0.37	1.20	0.83

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

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

WOOL PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Sheep shorn in New Mexico in 2001 was 235,000 head compared to 255,000 in 2000. Production also decreased in 2001 by 240,000 pounds. Average price per pound for wool sold in 2001 increased to $0.70 from $0.65, however, the total value of production, 1.3 million dollars, was a decrease of 5 percent from 2000.

UNITED STATES: Shorn wool production in the United States during 2001 was 43.0 million pounds, down 7 percent from 2000. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 5.69 million head, down 7 percent from 2000. The average price paid for wool sold in 2001 was $0.36 per pound for a total value of $15.3 million dollars, down slightly from $15.4 million dollars in 2000.

Wool: Number of Sheep and Lambs Shorn, Weight Per Fleece, Production, Price per Pound, and Value by State and United States, 2000-2001

	Sheep Shorn		Weight Per Fleece		Production		Price Per Pound		Value[1/]	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	----1,000 Head----		------Pounds------		---1,000 Pounds---		-----Dollars-----		---1,000 Dollars---	
AZ	125.0	120.0	6.1	6.2	760	740	0.36	0.30	274	222
CA	530.0	510.0	7.5	7.4	4,000	3,750	0.29	0.35	1,160	1,313
CO	450.0	430.0	7.4	7.2	3,310	3,080	0.31	0.33	1,026	1,016
ID	228.0	230.0	9.6	9.3	2,190	2,140	0.23	0.22	504	471
IL	75.0	70.0	6.9	6.6	520	460	0.08	0.09	42	41
IN	56.0	44.0	6.9	6.6	385	290	0.14	0.15	54	44
IA	255.0	245.0	5.6	5.8	1,420	1,420	0.10	0.12	142	170
KS	99.0	81.0	6.6	7.1	655	575	0.17	0.20	111	115
MI	72.0	77.0	6.4	6.2	460	480	0.14	0.12	64	58
MN	155.0	165.0	6.7	6.6	1,035	1,085	0.11	0.11	114	119
MO	63.0	56.0	6.8	7.0	430	390	0.10	0.09	43	35
MT	347.0	318.0	9.6	9.4	3,315	2,978	0.37	0.45	1,227	1,340
NE	95.0	85.0	7.2	7.3	685	620	0.18	0.20	123	124
NV	72.0	71.0	9.1	8.7	655	620	0.28	0.44	183	273
N ENG[1/]	44.0	40.0	7.2	7.4	318	295	0.36	0.40	114	118
NM	255.0	235.0	8.3	8.0	2,120	1,880	0.65	0.70	1,378	1,316
NY	46.0	47.0	6.6	6.8	304	320	0.13	0.17	40	54
ND	111.0	101.0	8.2	8.9	915	900	0.25	0.30	229	270
OH	132.0	140.0	7.0	6.9	920	960	0.15	0.14	138	134
OK	45.0	52.0	6.1	6.0	275	310	0.20	0.20	55	62
OR	220.0	240.0	6.5	6.3	1,440	1,510	0.28	0.27	403	408
PA	66.0	64.0	6.5	6.9	430	440	0.28	0.25	120	110
SD	335.0	360.0	8.4	8.2	2,800	2,965	0.28	0.31	784	919
TX	1,130.0	870.0	6.6	6.9	7,506	6,003	0.49	0.52	3,678	3,122
UT	320.0	295.0	9.6	9.5	3,060	2,800	0.22	0.29	673	812
VA	42.0	43.0	6.4	6.5	270	280	0.24	0.20	65	56
WA	44.0	48.0	8.0	8.2	351	395	0.40	0.45	140	178
WV	29.0	30.0	5.9	6.0	172	180	0.23	0.21	40	38
WI	64.0	70.0	7.4	7.1	475	500	0.13	0.10	62	50
WY	520.0	440.0	8.8	9.0	4,560	3,950	0.47	0.51	2,143	2,015
Oth Sts[2/]	110.0	112.0	6.5	6.3	710	700	0.35	0.44	248	308
U.S.	**6,135.0**	**5,689.0**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**46,446**	**43,016**	**0.33**	**0.36**	**15,377**	**15,311**

[1/]Production multipled by marketing year average price. U.S. value is summation of State values. [2/]N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT. [3/]Other States include AL, AK, AR, DE, FL, GA, HI, KY, LA, MD, MS, NJ, NC, SC, and TN.

MOHAIR PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Goats clipped in New Mexico dropped by 5,000 head in 2001 compared to the same time last year. The average clip per goat remainedat 5.5 pounds per goat. Production dropped by 20 percent to 110,000 pounds while the price per pound remained at $1.90. Total value of production for 2001, $209,000 was also a 20 percent decrease from the 2000 value of $262,000.

UNITED STATES: Mohair production in the three major producing states (Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas) during 2001 was 1.97 million pounds, down 25 percent from 2000. Goats and kids clipped, at 310,000 head, were down 23 percent from 2000. Average weight per clip was 6.4 pounds compared with 6.5 pounds a year earlier. Value of mohair was $4.2 million dollars, down 60 percent from 2000.

Mohair: Production, Price, and Value by Selected States and 3-State total, 2000-01[1/]

	Goats Clipped		Avg Clip Per Goat		Production		Price Per Pound		Value[1/]	
State	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	----1,000 Head----		------Pounds------		---1,000 Pounds---		-----Dollars-----		---1,000 Dollars---	
AZ	32.0	30.0	4.5	4.8	144	144	1.80	1.50	259	216
NM	**25.0**	**20.0**	**5.5**	**5.5**	**138**	**110**	**1.90**	**1.90**	**262**	**209**
TX	345.0	260.0	3.8	6.6	2,346	1,716	4.30	2.20	10,088	3,775
3- Sts	**402.0**	**310.0**	**6.5**	**6.4**	**2,628**	**1,970**	**4.04**	**2.13**	**10,609**	**4,200**

[1/]Production multipled by marketing year average price for individual States. Three-State value is summation of State values.

FEED OUTLOOK

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The major change this month was a 1.5-million-ton reduction in feed grain production to 261.7 million tons based on the National Agricultural Statistics Service™s (NASS) annual crop production report. Corn production was lowered 39 million bushels, and sorghum production was lowered 22 million bushels. Corn exports were lowered 75 million bushels due to competition abroad and lower world imports. Strong demand for ethanol and high fructose corn syrup led to a 15-million- bushel increase in corn food, seed, and industrial use. Corn feed and residual use was raised 50 million bushels to 5,850 million. Prices for corn, sorghum, and barley were unchanged this month. The oats price was raised 10 cents on both ends to $1.40-$1.50. The tight oats supply has not only increased prices but attracted more imports, which were raised 10 million bushels.

Feed Grain Supply Lowered More than 1 Million Tons U.S. feed grain production for 2001/02 was estimated at 261.7 million tons, down 1.5 million from a month ago and 11.2 million from last year. The decrease in production was partially offset by a 0.2-million ton increase in imports caused by greater oats imports. Total feed grain supply was projected at 316.9 million tons, down slightly from last month and down more than 2 percent from 2000/01. Total feed grain use was lowered 700,000 tons to 273.6 million. This month-to-month change was caused by reductions in corn and sorghum use.

Feed and Residual Up from 2000/01 On a September-August marketing year basis, feed and residual for the four major feed grains plus feed wheat was forecast at 165.3 million tons, up from 164.4 last month and the revised 164.8 million for last year. The projected index of grain consuming animal units (GCAU) for 2001/02 was 89.4 million units, up slightly from last month. Feed and residual used per GCAU in 2001/02 was forecast at 1.85 million tons, virtually identical to a year earlier. In the index components for 2001/02, year-to-year reductions for dairy and beef GCAU were offset by an increase in poultry and eggs. Pork GCAU were virtually unchanged from last year. Cattle on feed on December 1, 2001, are projected at 11.9 million head, down slightly from a year earlier. Total beef production in calendar year 2002 was raised fractionally to 25.4 billion pounds, but still down nearly 3 percent from a year earlier. Dairy cow numbers are expected to be slightly lower than a year earlier, but 2002 milk production was projected at 169.4 billion pounds, up more than 2 percent from last year.

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2001/02 Corn Production Revised Down Corn production was lowered 39 million bushels to 9,507 million, 4 percent lower than last year's near record. The reduction from the previous forecast was based on lower area, which was partially offset by a slight increase in yield. Harvested area was lowered nearly 400,000 acres to 68.8 million the lowest since 1995/96. Corn yield was projected at 138.2 bushels/acre, up 1 percent from 2000/01 and the second largest on record. Reduced production lowered total corn supply 38 million bushels to 11,416 million, 2 percent lower than a year earlier. NASS also slightly lowered 2000/01 corn production to 9,915 million bushels. This was caused by fractional reductions in harvested area and yield. The 2000/01 harvested area and corn yield are now projected at 72.4 million acres and 136.9 bushels/acre, respectively.

Sorghum Production Lowered to 515 Million Bushels Sorghum production was lowered 22 million bushels to 515 million but still 9 percent larger than last year. This monthly decline was caused by a drop in both harvested area and yields. Harvested area was lowered more than 190,000 acres to 8.6 million acres and yield was lowered 2 percent to 59.9 bushels per acre. The production change lowered total supply to 556 million bushels. On the use side, exports were raised 20 million bushels to 260 million largely due to strong demand in Mexico. However, the December 1 stocks report indicates that feed and residual use in the September-November quarter was less than expected. This, along with reduced supplies and higher exports resulted in a 40-million-bushel reduction in feed and residual use to 200 million. FSI remains projected at 45 million bushels. Total use was lowered 20 million bushels to 505 million, but still up 2 percent from 2000/01. Reduced production lowered sorghum ending stocks to 51 million bushels, and the stocks-to-use ratio was virtually unchanged at 10.2 percent. The season-average farm price remains projected at $1.85-$2.15.

Hay Stocks Increase, Prices Stronger Stocks of all hay on farms December 1, 2001, were up 5 percent from 2000's revised 106 million tons. Stock decreases occurred in 27 of the 48 contiguous States, but these were more than offset by increases in 20 States. The increases in stocks ranged from 5 percent in Texas to 164 percent in Louisiana.

Other hay production was up 7 percent from 2000's 72 million tons. Other hay was harvested on nearly 40 million acres, up 8 percent from 2000. Average yields in 2001 were 1.93 tons per acre, compared with 1.95 a year earlier.

Mid-month prices for all hay reported by farmers in December 2001 were $93.70 per ton, down from $97.10 in November, but up from $84.90 in December 2000. Prices received for alfalfa hay in December were $102 per ton, down from $106 in November but up from $89.70 a year earlier. Other hay prices averaged $3.57 per ton above a year earlier during May through December. In December the price of other hay was $73 per ton, down from $74.10 in November, but up from $69.40 a year earlier. Given current estimates of livestock numbers and hay stocks, prices may remain weak during the remainder of the hay marketing year.