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CATTLE ON FEED

NEW MEXICO: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in New Mexico totaled 106,000 head on February 1, 2002, a decrease of 2,000 head from January 1, 2002 and a decrease of 10,000 head from the previous year. Placements of cattle and calves on feed during January totaled 8,000 head compared to 14,000 head the previous month. Marketings of fed cattle in New Mexico were 9,000 head in January 2002, down 4,000 head from December 2001 and 1,000 head below the January 2001 average.

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 11.6 million head on February 1, 2002. The inventory was 3 percent below February 1, 2001 and slightly below February 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 2.17 million, 4 percent below 2001 and 2 percent below 2000. Net placements were 2.08 million. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 2.08 million, up 2 percent from both 2001 and 2000. Other disappearance totaled 89,000 during January, 14 percent above 2001 and 29 percent above 2000.

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

	Number on Feed			Placed			Marketed			Other Disappearance ^{2/}		
	2/1/01	1/1/02	2/1/02	DURING								
				1/01	12/01	1/02	1/01	12/01	1/02	1/01	12/01	1/02
	-----1,000 Head-----											
AZ	302	305	311	28	30	32	25	26	25	2	2	1
CA	445	480	475	60	50	59	55	50	57	10	10	7
CO	1,230	1,180	1,180	305	165	225	275	135	215	10	10	10
ID	325	330	320	71	51	57	65	59	65	1	2	2
IA	385	355	390	52	55	86	51	49	50	1	1	1
KS	2,500	2,480	2,450	580	370	530	465	510	540	15	20	20
NE	2,430	2,230	2,290	480	300	490	430	325	405	20	15	25
NM	116	108	106	11	14	8	10	13	9	0	1	1
OK	410	360	345	68	42	62	65	65	74	3	2	3
SD	205	195	200	35	35	46	31	34	38	1	1	3
TX	2,930	2,880	2,850	460	360	480	450	450	500	10	20	10
WA	243	247	237	55	38	41	59	47	50	3	4	1
Oth Sts	420	415	405	58	68	50	61	48	55	2	5	5
US	11,941	11,565	11,559	2,263	1,578	2,166	2,042	1,811	2,083	78	93	89

^{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.

QUARTERLY FARM LABOR

NEW MEXICO: Number of hired workers on farms and ranches in New Mexico and Arizona (Mountain Region III) the week of January 6-12, 2002, remained at 18,000, unchanged from the previous year. Hired workers were paid an average of \$8.42, an increase of .70 cents from the previous year but .54 cents less than the 2002 national average of \$8.96. Hours worked on farms and ranches averaged 47.7 hours per week compared to 44.2 hours the previous year. This is an average of 9 hours per week over the U.S. average of 38.6 hours per week

UNITED STATES: There were 914,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches the week of January 6-12, 2002, up 7 percent from a year ago. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$8.96 per hour during the January 2002 survey week, up 30 cents from a year earlier. The number of hours worked averaged 38.6 hours for hired workers during the survey week compared with 37.3 hours a year ago. Field workers received an average of \$8.25 per hour, up 49 cents from last January, while livestock workers earned \$8.25 per hour compared with \$8.07 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate at \$8.25 was up 38 cents from last year.

**Workers on Farms, Hours worked Per Week, and Wage Rates for All Hired Workers,
Selected Regions and U.S., January 2001-2002**

	Mountain II ^{2/}		Mountain III ^{3/}		Southern Plains ^{4/}		United States ^{5/}	
	Jan 7-13	Jan 6-12	Jan 7-13	Jan 6-12	Jan 7-13	Jan 6-12	Jan 7-13	Jan 6-12
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	-----Thousands-----							
Workers on Farms								
All Hired Workers	18	17	18	18	65	61	691	731
	-----Hours Per Week-----							
Hours Worked								
All Hired Workers	39.8	33.2	44.2	47.7	38.1	41.5	37.3	38.6
	-----Dollars Per Hour-----							
Workers By Work Type								
Field	7.57	8.54	6.71	7.57	7.35	7.82	7.76	8.25
Livestock	7.76	8.48	7.35	8.48	7.71	7.37	8.07	8.25
Field & Livestock	7.68	8.51	6.91	7.85	7.53	7.57	7.87	8.25
All Workers	8.72	9.15	7.72	8.42	7.98	8.05	8.66	8.96

^{1/} Excludes agricultural service workers. ^{2/} Mountain Region II consists of CO, NV & UT. ^{3/} Mountain Region III consists of AZ & NM. ^{4/} Southern Plains region consists of OK & TX. ^{5/} Excludes AK.

MILK PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Milk production in New Mexico during January 2002 totaled 505 million pounds, a 3% increase from the previous month and a 13% increase over January 2001. Milk production per cow in January increased by 40 pounds to 1,740 pounds per cow. While the average number of cows per farm in the 20 major states declined, New Mexico's average increased from the previous month by 2,000 head to 290,000 head and increased by 10% over the previous year's number of 261,000 head.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 20 major States during January totaled 12.3 billion pounds, up 1.8 percent from January 2001. December revised production, at 12.0 billion pounds, was up 1.2 percent from December 2000. The December revision represented an increase of 0.3 percent or 34 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,585 pounds for January, 36 pounds above January 2001. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.74 million head, 44,000 head less than January 2001, and 10,000 head less than December 2001.

Milk Cows and Production: December 2001^{1/} and January 2001-2002

State	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	1/01	12/01	1/02	1/01	12/01	1/02	1/01	12/01	1/02
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	140	140	140	1,825	1,730	1,835	256	242	257
CA	1,563	1,618	1,622	1,760	1,740	1,765	2,751	2,815	2,863
FL	155	152	152	1,440	1,320	1,410	223	201	214
ID	356	377	378	1,740	1,750	1,740	619	660	658
IL	118	115	115	1,470	1,490	1,550	173	171	178
IN	151	155	153	1,455	1,395	1,405	220	216	215
IA	215	206	205	1,525	1,550	1,560	328	319	320
KY	130	125	123	1,090	1,130	1,155	142	141	142
MI	303	298	296	1,590	1,635	1,655	482	487	490
MN	520	500	495	1,520	1,460	1,515	790	730	750
MO	149	141	140	1,150	1,145	1,210	171	161	169
NM	261	288	290	1,680	1,700	1,740	438	490	505
NY	670	675	675	1,450	1,450	1,500	972	979	1,013
OH	264	258	260	1,340	1,450	1,460	354	374	380
PA	607	592	587	1,520	1,540	1,570	923	912	922
TX	341	310	310	1,365	1,385	1,485	465	429	460
VT	154	154	154	1,450	1,490	1,510	223	229	233
VA	118	119	119	1,380	1,335	1,380	163	159	164
WA	247	247	247	1,845	1,845	1,880	456	456	464
WI	1,322	1,280	1,279	1,445	1,435	1,465	1,910	1,837	1,874
20 STS	7,784	7,750	7,740	1,549	1,549	1,585	12,059	12,008	12,271

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

WEATHER SUMMARY

It was a quiet weather week in New Mexico with temperatures close to normal at most places. The statewide average for the week was one degree above normal. Precipitation was light and spotty, and also confined to the north. Red River (.20") was the only spot to measure over a tenth of an inch.

New Mexico Weather Conditions February 11-17, 2002

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximu m	Minimu m	02/11 02/17	02/01 02/17	Normal Feb	01/01 02/17	Normal Jan-Feb
Carlsbad	44.9	72	20	0.00	0.61	0.35	0.72	0.70
Tatum	39.9	69	19	0.00	0.43	0.50	1.21	0.89
Roswell	42.4	73	14	0.00	0.14	0.46	0.50	0.89
Clayton	39.9	66	15	T	0.00	0.31	0.12	0.55
Clovis	42.5	68	21	T	0.00	0.51	0.35	0.90
Roy	42.0	60	25	0.00	0.00	0.43	0.22	0.77
Tucumcari	41.6	71	14	0.05	0.05	0.45	0.50	0.73
Chama	25.6	50	3	0.05	0.05	1.58	0.27	3.35
Johnson Ranch	33.6	55	12	0.00	0.00	0.57	0.21	1.24
Capulin	31.7	66	0	0.00	0.00	0.56	0.38	0.96
Las Vegas	36.4	63	12	0.00	0.00	0.39	0.24	0.71
Los Alamos	33.4	53	12	0.01	0.01	0.80	0.73	1.66
Raton	32.9	63	3	0.11	0.11	0.54	0.44	1.01
Santa Fe	34.6	59	11	0.00	0.00	0.69	0.55	1.32
Red River	23.9	48	-1	0.20	0.20	1.22	0.97	2.29
Farmington	34.4	59	10	T	0.00	0.57	0.03	1.16
Gallup	33.4	61	2	T	0.00	0.74	0.11	1.54
Grants	36.0	62	9	0.00	0.00	0.51	0.37	1.00
Silver City	38.8	66	10	0.00	0.00	1.25	0.00	2.41
Quemado	35.5	61	4	0.00	0.00	0.72	0.10	1.55
Albuquerque	42.5	65	20	0.00	0.00	0.46	0.34	0.90
Carrizozo	40.1	68	14	0.00	0.00	0.57	1.02	1.17
Gran Quivera	38.2	63	12	0.00	0.01	0.82	0.38	1.52
Moriarty	34.0	65	9	0.00	0.00	0.48	0.27	0.91
Ruidoso	36.9	60	11	0.00	0.20	1.16	0.86	2.28
Socorro	44.4	73	12	0.00	0.05	0.39	0.31	0.78
Alamogordo	47.0	73	23	0.00	0.06	0.54	0.06	1.21
Animas	47.6	74	19	0.00	1.28	0.51	1.28	1.19
Deming	46.1	76	19	0.00	0.52	0.46	0.85	1.02
T or C	44.5	70	18	0.00	0.10	0.38	0.13	0.84
Las Cruces	46.0	76	19	0.00	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.