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## AGRICULTURAL PRICES RECEIVED

**NEW MEXICO:** The February alfalfa price at \$134.00 per ton, remained steady from the previous month and showed an increase from February 2001 of \$12.00 per ton. Cow prices increased in February to \$44.30 per cwt. This was \$1.60 above the January price and \$3.60 above the national average. Steer prices in February were \$82.40 cwt \$0.50 below the January price, and \$6.60 below the previous year. Calf prices at \$99.40 were \$1.10 above the previous month, \$3.60 below the previous year, but remained \$4.60 below the U.S. average. Milk prices were \$13.60 per cwt, compared to \$13.50 in January and \$12.80 in February. The U.S. average was \$13.30 per cwt.

**Prices Received by Farmers: Selected Commodities, January 2002 and February 2001-02**

Commodity	Unit	New Mexico			U.S. <sup>1/</sup>
		Feb 2001	Jan 2002 <sup>2/</sup>	Feb 2002 <sup>1/</sup>	Feb
-----Dollars-----					
<b>CROPS</b>					
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	--	--	--	3.24
Cotton, Upland	Lb	--	--	--	.297
Potatoes	Cwt	--	--	--	7.51
Hay, all baled	Ton	122.00	134.00	134.00	90.40
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	124.00	137.00	137.00	99.50
Peanuts	Lb	--	--	--	.107
Corn	Bu	--	--	--	1.93
Wheat, all	Bu	--	--	--	2.85
<b>LIVESTOCK</b>					
Sheep <sup>3/</sup>	Cwt	---	---	---	36.20
Lambs <sup>3/</sup>	Cwt	---	---	---	65.50
Cows	Cwt	44.50	42.70	44.30	40.70
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	89.00	82.90	82.40	74.10
Calves	Cwt	103.00	98.30	99.40	104.00
Milk	Cwt	12.80	13.50	13.60	13.30

<sup>1/</sup> Mid-month. <sup>2/</sup> Entire month. <sup>3/</sup> January- Entire Month

## HONEY

**NEW MEXICO:** Honey production in 2001 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 1.05 million lbs, an increase of .09 million lbs from 2000. There were 15,000 colonies in the state producing a yield of 70 pounds per colony. This represents a 9.4% increase over the yield of 64 pounds produced in 2000. Producer honey stocks were 525 thousand pounds on December 15, 2001, compared to 739 thousand pounds the previous year.

**UNITED STATES:** Honey production in 2001 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 186 million pounds, down 16 percent from 2000. Honey production in 2001 was the lowest since 1989, when 181 million pounds was produced with a yield per colony of only 51.2 pounds. There were 2.51 million colonies producing honey in 2001, down 4 percent from 2000. Yield per colony averaged 74.0 pounds, down 10.1 pounds from the 84.1 pounds in 2000. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State and yields per colony may therefore be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested.

**Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value, Selected States and U.S., 2001<sup>1/</sup>**

State	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield Per Colony	Production	Stocks Dec 15 <sup>2/</sup>	Average Price Per Pound <sup>3/</sup>	Value of Production
	---1,000---	—Pounds—	-----1,000 Pounds-----		----Cents----	1,000 Dollars
AZ	43	59	2,537	1,142	78	1,979
CA	425	65	27,625	7,735	67	18,509
CO	26	55	1,430	529	70	1,001
FL	220	100	22,000	3,432	62	13,640
GA	55	57	3,135	188	70	2,195
ID	100	46	4,600	1,610	66	3,036
IN	8	76	608	213	86	523
IA	33	51	1,683	875	73	1,229
KS	13	51	663	530	85	564
KY	3	78	234	94	131	307
LA	45	106	4,770	572	60	2,862
MI	76	60	4,560	2,827	78	3,557
MN	135	81	10,935	1,859	63	6,889
MO	25	61	1,525	381	68	1,037
MT	136	102	13,872	4,578	65	9,017
NE	43	48	2,064	1,115	66	1,362
NM	15	70	1,050	525	65	683
NC	11	44	484	145	158	765
ND	280	96	26,880	9,408	65	17,472
OH	16	81	1,296	505	85	1,102
OK	4	47	188	105	141	265
OR	44	44	1,936	1,200	69	1,336
SD	235	65	15,275	12,220	64	9,776
TX	97	79	7,663	1,533	64	4,904
VA	9	52	468	94	117	548
WA	42	52	2,184	917	67	1,463
WV	7	65	455	410	155	705
WI	67	81	5,427	3,419	76	4,125
WY	38	77	2,926	468	63	1,843
Other States	262	67	17,453	6,121	82	14,366
U.S. <sup>4/</sup>	2513	74.0	185,926	64,750	66.9	127,060

<sup>1/</sup>For producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one state were counted in each State. <sup>2/</sup>Stocks held by producers. <sup>3/</sup>Prices weighted by sales. <sup>4/</sup>Total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

## WEATHER SUMMARY

New Mexico experienced some unseasonably cold weather as two arctic air masses affected the state during the week. The first one only affected the eastern half of New Mexico early in the week, but a second, even colder mass of air moved through nearly all of New Mexico late in the week. As a result, temperatures averaged 10 degrees below normal for the state this past week. The northeast was especially cold, with Des Moines a whopping 20 degrees below normal, and Red River and Clayton 17 degrees below normal. Temperatures fell below zero Sunday morning.

### New Mexico Weather Conditions February 25-March 03, 2002

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	02/25 03/03	03/01 03/03	Normal Mar	01/01 03/03	Normal Jan-Mar
Carlsbad	38.5	74	14	T	0.00	0.30	0.75	1.00
Tatum	33.8	71	7	0.00	0.00	0.52	1.21	1.41
Roswell	36.8	77	10	T	0.00	0.45	0.50	1.34
Clayton	22.8	55	2	T	0.00	0.55	0.13	1.10
Clovis	32.5	66	7	0.00	0.00	0.59	0.35	1.49
Roy	26.7	45	5	0.00	0.00	0.55	0.22	1.32
Tucumcari	30.0	63	5	T	0.00	0.40	0.60	1.13
Chama	18.1	47	-11	0.01	0.01	1.99	0.38	5.34
Johnson Ranch	24.1	56	-6	T	0.00	0.74	0.21	1.98
Capulin	17.0	55	-5	0.03	0.03	0.89	0.48	1.85
Las Vegas	25.5	58	-6	T	0.00	0.56	0.24	1.27
Los Alamos	26.8	51	1	T	0.00	1.22	0.75	2.88
Raton	20.1	57	-5	T	0.00	0.83	0.47	1.84
Santa Fe	27.4	56	-6	0.00	0.00	0.74	0.56	2.06
Red River	18.2	41	-12	0.05	0.05	1.78	1.48	4.07
Farmington	28.3	57	6	T	0.00	0.81	0.03	1.97
Gallup	62.3	553	-7	T	0.00	1.05	0.19	2.59
Grants	29.2	60	1	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.37	1.50
Silver City	40.7	62	5	0.00	0.00	0.96	0.00	3.37
Quemado	32.1	65	-9	0.00	0.00	0.80	0.10	2.35
Albuquerque	37.9	59	16	0.00	0.00	0.54	0.41	1.44
Carrizozo	33.8	68	4	0.00	0.00	0.57	1.02	1.74
Gran Quivera	33.2	58	3	0.00	0.00	0.72	0.45	2.24
Moriarty	29.9	62	3	0.00	0.00	0.53	0.44	1.44
Ruidoso	32.6	60	-1	0.00	0.00	1.33	0.86	3.61
Socorro	39.6	70	8	0.00	0.00	0.27	0.31	1.05
Alamogordo	43.6	75	14	0.00	0.00	0.46	0.06	1.67
Animas	47.4	72	19	0.00	0.00	0.47	1.28	1.66
Deming	44.6	76	17	0.00	0.00	0.34	0.85	1.36
T or C	43.3	73	15	0.00	0.00	0.34	0.13	1.18
Las Cruces	44.8	77	21	0.00	0.00	0.22	1.20	1.05

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

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

### ANNUAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

**NEW MEXICO: Commercial cattle slaughter** in New Mexico during 2001 totaled 17,600 head, a 4% increase over 2000. The average live weight at 959 pounds was 11 pounds less than the average live weight the previous year. Total live weight, 16.9 million pounds, increased by 426 pounds over the previous year. **Sheep and lamb slaughter** had a slight decrease from the previous year from 30,400 head in 2000 to 29,900 head in 2001. Total live weight decreased by 3.9% and average live weight dropped by 3 pounds to 112 pounds.

**UNITED STATES: Commercial cattle** slaughter during 2001 totaled 35.4 million head, down 2 percent from 2000, with federal inspection comprising 98.3 percent of the total. The average live weight was 1,221 pounds, up 2 pounds from a year ago. **Commercial hog** slaughter totaled 98.0 million head, virtually unchanged from 2000 with 98.5 percent of the hogs slaughtered under federal inspection. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from last year, at 264 pounds. Barrows and gilts comprised 96.6 percent of the total federally inspected slaughter. **Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter**, at 3.22 million head, was down less than 7 percent from 2000 with 95.1 percent comprised by federal inspection. The average live weight rose 5 pounds from 2000 to 140 pounds.

**Commercial Livestock Slaughter, New Mexico and U.S., 2000-2001**

	New Mexico						United States					
	Number Slaughtered		Total Live weight		Average Live weight		Number Slaughtered		Total Live weight		Average Live weight	
	'00	'01	'00	'01	'00	'01	'00	'01	'00	'01	'00	'01
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Cattle	16.9	17.6	16,439	16,865	970	959	36,246.2	35,369.7	44,200,615	43,174,839	1,219	1,221
Calves <sup>2/</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,131.6	1,006.7	357,137	321,869	316	320
Hogs	3.4	2.5	737	536	214	212	97,975.9	97,961.9	25,660,135	25,863,939	262	264
Sheep/lambs	30.4	29.9	3,490	3,355	115	112	3,459.5	3,222.1	467,519	450,366	135	140

<sup>1/</sup> Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter. <sup>2/</sup> State data included in U.S. total. Data not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.