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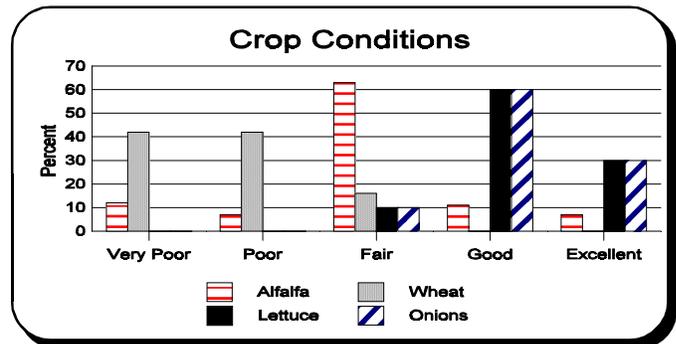
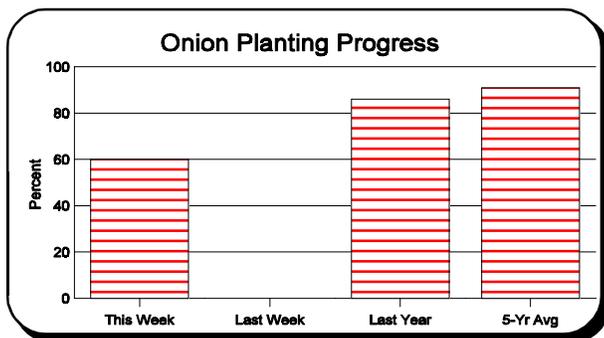
CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 17, 2002

NEW MEXICO: There were 6.4 days suitable for field work. Farmers have been busy cleaning ditches, burning pasture grasses, fertilizing ground, and plowing fields. Farmers were also irrigating to make the soil workable and to keep it from blowing away in the spring winds. Alfalfa is looking good with over half of the crop in fair to good condition. Total wheat was in very poor to fair condition with almost 50% being grazed. Lettuce and cabbage were in fair to excellent condition. Onions were 60% planted last week. Ranchers have been supplemental feeding and watering, costing them a great deal of money due to very poor pasture conditions. Pasture and range feed conditions were listed as 33% very poor, 50% poor, and 17% fair.

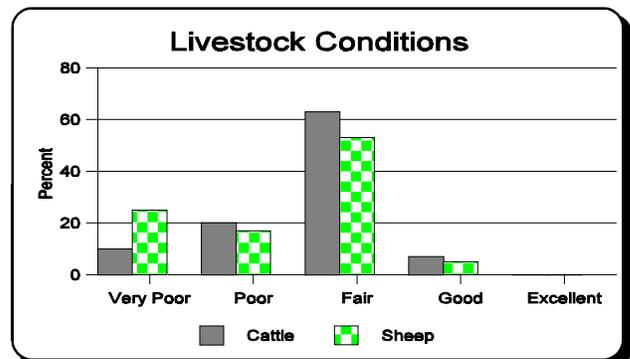
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Grazed	Wheat	44	1/	--	--
Planted	Onions	60	1/	86	91

^{1/} Not available.

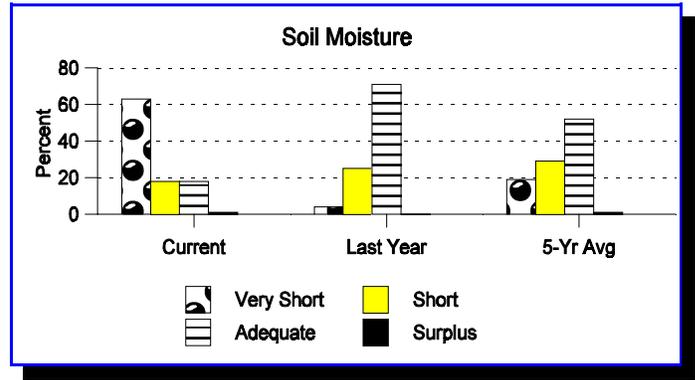


CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	12	7	63	11	7
Lettuce	--	--	10	60	30
Onions	--	--	10	60	30
Wheat (All)	42	42	16	--	--
Cattle	10	20	63	7	--
Sheep	25	17	53	5	--



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	80	10	8	2
Northeast	92	8	--	--
Southwest	--	50	50	--
Southeast	43	24	33	--
State	63	18	18	1
State-Last Year	4	25	71	--
State-5-Yr Avg.	19	29	51	1



WEATHER SUMMARY

Another relatively-dry week in New Mexico, with temperatures not too far from normal at most places. The statewide average was between 1 and 2 degrees above normal. Precipitation was light and confined to the extreme north. Red River (.23") was the only spot that managed to collect over a tenth of an inch.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS MARCH 11-17, 2002

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	03/11 03/17	03/01 03/17	Normal Mar	01/01 03/17	Normal Jan-Mar
Carlsbad	57.6	88	33	0.00	0.00	0.30	0.75	1.00
Tatum	49.3	85	24	0.00	0.00	0.52	1.21	1.41
Roswell	54.7	89	29	0.00	0.00	0.45	0.50	1.34
Clayton	46.3	81	19	0.00	0.00	0.55	0.13	1.10
Clovis	51.2	82	25	0.00	0.00	0.59	0.35	1.49
Roy	44.0	73	24	0.00	0.00	0.55	0.22	1.32
Tucumcari	50.3	85	21	0.00	0.00	0.40	0.60	1.13
Chama	30.5	61	9	0.04	0.12	1.99	0.49	5.34
Johnson Ranch	35.9	71	9	0.00	0.00	0.74	0.21	1.98
Capulin	38.4	72	6	T	0.03	0.89	0.48	1.85
Las Vegas	40.8	73	14	T	0.00	0.56	0.24	1.27
Los Alamos	45.0	66	29	0.00	0.03	1.22	0.78	2.88
Raton	39.4	75	10	0.02	0.02	0.83	0.49	1.84
Santa Fe	35.9	71	11	0.00	0.00	0.74	0.56	2.06
Red River	30.3	58	10	0.23	0.61	1.78	2.04	4.07
Farmington	38.9	73	14	T	0.11	0.81	0.14	1.97
Gallup	36.0	68	7	T	0.18	1.05	0.37	2.59
Grants	37.6	71	8	0.00	0.04	0.50	0.42	1.50
Silver City	49.3	66	28	0.00	0.00	0.96	0.00	3.37
Quemado	37.4	72	7	0.00	0.00	0.80	0.10	2.35
Albuquerque	48.1	79	25	0.00	0.00	0.54	0.41	1.44
Carrizozo	48.1	76	20	0.00	0.00	0.57	1.02	1.74
Gran Quivera	44.7	73	17	0.00	0.00	0.72	0.45	2.24
Moriarty	42.4	77	15	0.00	0.00	0.53	0.44	1.44
Ruidoso	46.3	66	24	0.00	0.00	1.33	0.86	3.61
Socorro	49.9	84	22	0.00	0.00	0.27	0.31	1.05
Alamogordo	55.3	81	30	0.00	0.00	0.46	0.06	1.67
Animas	54.3	81	30	0.00	0.00	0.47	1.28	1.66
Deming	54.6	81	29	0.00	0.00	0.34	0.85	1.36
T or C	54.1	81	28	0.00	0.00	0.34	0.13	1.18
Las Cruces	55.1	85	32	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.

MILK PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Milk production in New Mexico during February totaled 467 million pounds, up 15 percent from February 2001. Production per cow increased by 3.9 percent to a total of 1,610 pounds compared to 1,550 pounds a year ago. Number of milk cows in New Mexico increased by 29,000 head from the previous year. New Mexico ranks 7th in the nation in milk production.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 20 major States during February totaled 11.4 billion pounds, up 2.8 percent from February 2001. January revised production, at 12.3 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from January 2001. The January revision represented an increase of 1 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,474 pounds for February, 43 pounds above February 2001. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.75 million head, 18,000 head less than February 2001, and 1,000 head more than January 2002.

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

State	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	2/01	1/02	2/02	2/01	1/02	2/02	2/01	1/02	2/02
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	140	140	140	1,690	1,835	1,795	237	257	251
CA	1,568	1,622	1,628	1,615	1,750	1,630	2,532	2,839	2,654
FL	155	152	152	1,380	1,410	1,360	214	214	207
ID	357	380	382	1,580	1,750	1,590	564	665	607
IL	117	115	115	1,380	1,550	1,440	161	178	166
IN	151	153	152	1,295	1,430	1,320	196	219	201
IA	215	206	208	1,410	1,560	1,430	303	321	297
KY	128	124	123	1,040	1,160	1,100	133	144	135
MI	303	296	294	1,475	1,655	1,550	447	490	456
MN	520	495	495	1,385	1,515	1,385	720	750	686
MO	148	140	139	1,070	1,210	1,150	158	169	160
NM	261	290	290	1,550	1,740	1,610	405	505	467
NY	670	675	675	1,320	1,510	1,390	884	1,019	938
OH	263	260	261	1,320	1,470	1,380	347	382	360
PA	602	587	583	1,420	1,570	1,460	855	922	851
TX	338	310	310	1,285	1,485	1,395	434	460	432
VT	153	154	154	1,330	1,510	1,375	203	233	212
VA	118	120	120	1,280	1,390	1,290	151	167	155
WA	247	247	247	1,680	1,880	1,735	415	464	429
WI	1,310	1,279	1,278	1,335	1,465	1,375	1,749	1,874	1,757
20 STS	7,764	7,745	7,746	1,431	1,585	1,474	11,108	12,272	11,421

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

CATTLE ON FEED

NEW MEXICO: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in New Mexico for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 109,000 head on March 1, 2002. Placements during February 2002 totaled 12,000 head. This was a considerable increase from the 5,000 head placed in February 2001. Marketings during February were 11,000 head and other disappearance was at 1,000 head.

UNITED STATES: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the US for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.52 million head on March 1, 2002. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.81 million. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.80 million and other disappearance totaled 63,000 during October.

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

	Number on Feed			Placed			Marketed			Other Disappearance ^{2/}		
	3/1/01	2/1/02	3/1/02	DURING								
				2/01	1/02	2/02	2/01	1/02	2/02	2/01	1/02	2/02
	-----1,000 Head-----											
AZ	307	311	310	41	32	26	28	25	26	8	1	1
CA	440	475	475	55	59	55	50	57	50	10	7	5
CO	1,190	1,180	1,150	195	225	185	225	215	205	10	10	10
ID	320	320	315	59	57	58	62	65	61	2	2	2
IA	385	395*	400	45	91*	57	44	50	51	1	1	1
KS	2,470	2,450	2,420	335	530	435	350	540	450	15	20	15
NE	2,380	2,290	2,300	310	490	370	350	405	350	10	25	10
NM	111	109*	109	5	11*	12	10	9	11	0	1	1
OK	390	350*	345	42	67*	55	58	74	59	4	3	1
SD	207	200	210	35	46	45	29	38	34	4	3	1
TX	2,840	2,850	2,850	350	480	410	430	500	400	10	10	10
WA	245	237	229	52	41	43	47	50	50	3	1	1
Oth Sts	410	405	405	56	50	54	62	55	49	4	5	5
US	11,695	11,572*	11,518	1,580	2,179	1,805	1,745	2,083	1,796	81	89	63

*Revised. ^{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.