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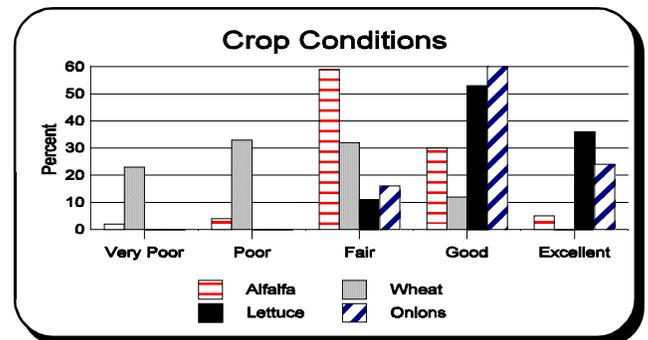
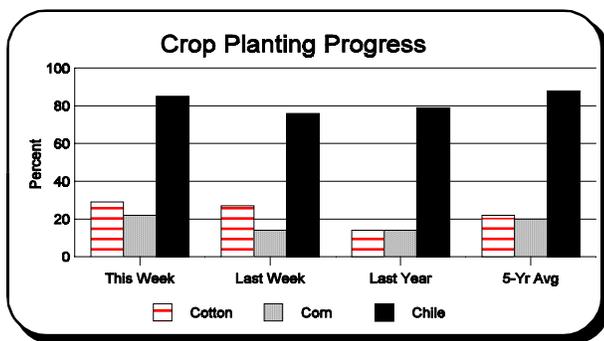
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 21, 2002

NEW MEXICO: There were 6.7 days suitable for field work. Wind damage was 16% light, 13% moderate and 4% severe. Farmers in the northern area of the state irrigated alfalfa and bare fields for the planting of corn. Many of the dry crops have either died or aren't expected to make it without rain. Irrigated crops in the south were doing good last week while farmers continued to plant chile, cotton and corn. Farmers across the state are concerned about the alfalfa weevil and bugs in the wheat crop. Corn and cotton will start to emerge soon with cotton 29% planted and corn 22% planted. The chile crop seems to be emerging in fair to excellent condition with 85% planted. Alfalfa was listed in mostly fair to excellent condition. Total wheat was in mostly very poor to fair condition. Wheat headed was at 15%. Lettuce and onions were in fair to excellent condition. Range conditions continued to decline, ranchers are culling heavy and continue to supplemental feed and in many instances haul water. The prolonged drought in the state is devastating to the New Mexico ranching industry. Pasture and range feed conditions were listed as 40% very poor, 37% poor, 22% fair, and 1% good.

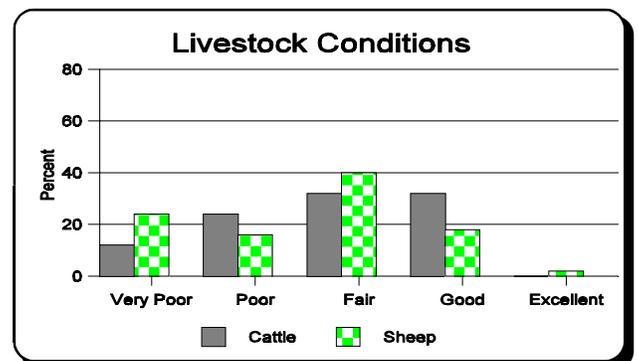
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
PLANTED	Cotton	29	27	14	22
	Corn	22	14	14	20
	Chile	85	76	79	88
HEADED	Wheat	15	9	6	5



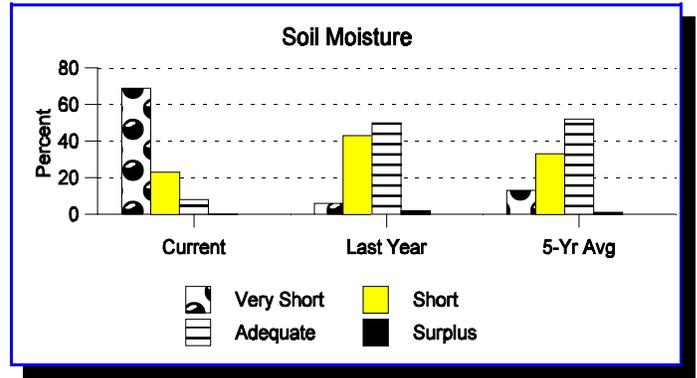
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	2	4	59	30	5
Chile	--	--	15	68	17
Lettuce	--	--	11	53	36
Onions	--	--	16	60	24
Wheat (All)	23	33	32	12	--
Cattle	12	24	32	32	--
Sheep	24	16	40	18	2



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	80	17	3	--
Northeast	58	42	--	--
Southwest	100	--	--	--
Southeast	51	20	29	--
State	69	23	8	--
State-Last Year	6	43	50	1
State-5-Yr Avg.	13	33	52	2



WEATHER SUMMARY

Most of New Mexico experienced a dry week with temperatures near or a bit above normal. The statewide average temperature was 2 degrees above normal, although locations in the southeast were generally 5 to 7 degrees above normal. A few locations reported rainfall, although amounts were all less than a quarter of an inch.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS APRIL 15-21, 2002

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	04/15 04/21	04/01 04/21	01/01 04/21	Normal for April	Normal Jan-Apr
Carlsbad	73.8	93.0	52.0	0.00	0.00	0.49	2.54	1.49
Tatum	67.1	87.0	44.0	0.00	0.09	0.64	4.47	2.05
Roswell	69.0	91.0	44.0	0.00	0.01	0.65	3.53	1.99
Clayton	57.5	86.0	30.0	0.02	0.72	0.94	0.80	2.04
Clovis	65.7	90.0	45.0	0.05	0.14	0.81	2.07	2.30
Roy	49.6	68.0	35.0	0.00	0.10	0.82	0.42	2.14
Tucumcari	63.4	90.0	32.0	0.15	0.79	0.87	1.81	2.00
Chama	41.8	67.0	10.0	0.00	0.13	1.27	1.81	6.61
Johnson Ranch	48.1	76.0	17.0	T	0.25	0.49	0.88	2.47
Capulin	50.5	78.0	21.0	0.03	1.04	1.01	1.66	2.86
Las Vegas	54.3	76.0	33.0	0.00	0.10	0.89	0.46	2.16
Los Alamos	51.6	70.0	27.0	0.00	0.21	1.00	1.00	3.88
Raton	52.1	78.0	29.0	0.12	0.33	1.06	0.71	2.90
Santa Fe	55.1	77.0	35.0	0.00	0.62	0.81	1.24	2.87
Red River	44.4	63.0	23.0	0.00	0.43	1.68	3.01	5.75
Farmington	53.6	79.0	23.0	0.10	0.26	0.51	0.51	2.48
Gallup	51.2	74.0	15.0	0.07	0.51	0.64	0.98	3.23
Grants	51.7	76.0	20.0	0.01	0.09	0.45	1.53	1.95
Silver City	53.4	77.0	27.0	0.00	0.00	0.53	0.00	3.90
Quemado	52.2	74.0	27.0	0.00	0.10	0.60	0.62	2.95
Albuquerque	61.1	80.0	35.0	0.00	0.37	0.52	0.78	1.96
Carrizozo	62.6	81.0	26.0	0.00	0.17	0.36	1.93	2.10
Gran Quivera	59.1	80.0	32.0	0.00	0.14	0.64	0.65	2.88
Moriarty	56.4	81.0	27.0	0.00	0.27	0.66	1.16	2.10
Ruidoso	-	-	-	0.00	0.02	0.63	1.44	4.24
Socorro	62.6	85.0	35.0	0.00	0.05	0.36	0.36	1.41
Alamogordo	65.9	82.0	43.0	0.00	0.00	0.26	0.00	1.93
Animas	64.6	83.0	33.0	0.00	0.00	0.20	1.28	1.86
Deming	64.3	86.0	32.0	0.00	0.00	0.18	1.24	1.54
T or C	65.3	84.0	42.0	0.00	0.02	0.22	0.50	1.40
Las Cruces	65.9	89.0	45.0	0.00	0.00	0.21	1.29	1.26

(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 March totaled 536 million pounds, an increase of 17 percent from February 2001 and an increase of 15 percent from the previous month's total of 467 million pounds. Production per cow totaled 1,830 pounds compared to 1,760 pounds a year ago and 1,610 pounds in February 2002. Number of milk cows in New Mexico increased by 32,000 head from the previous year. New Mexico continues to rank 7th in the nation in milk production.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 20 major States during March totaled 12.8 billion pounds, up 3.2 percent from March 2001. February revised production, at 11.4 billion pounds, was up 2.3 percent from February 2001. The February revision represented a decrease of 0.5 percent or 56 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,650 pounds for March, 51 pounds above March 2001. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.75 million head, 2,000 head more than March 2001, and 1,000 head more than February 2002.

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

State	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	3/01	2/02	3/02	3/01	2/02	3/02	3/01	2/02	3/02
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	140	140	140	1,855	1,795	2,055	260	251	288
CA	1,572	1,626	1,631	1,790	1,620	1,825	2,814	2,634	2,977
FL	154	152	152	1,580	1,335	1,540	243	203	234
ID	358	382	382	1,770	1,580	1,780	634	604	680
IL	117	115	115	1,580	1,440	1,620	185	166	186
IN	151	152	152	1,455	1,320	1,470	220	201	223
IA	213	208	209	1,570	1,430	1,615	334	297	338
KY	127	123	123	1,180	1,100	1,245	150	135	153
MI	304	294	295	1,660	1,550	1,730	505	456	510
MN	515	495	490	1,545	1,385	1,565	796	686	767
MO	148	139	138	1,200	1,150	1,335	178	160	184
NM	261	290	293	1,760	1,610	1,830	459	467	536
NY	670	676	678	1,490	1,400	1,550	998	946	1,051
OH	262	260	260	1,410	1,365	1,540	369	355	400
PA	600	583	581	1,580	1,460	1,630	948	851	947
TX	335	310	310	1,460	1,395	1,600	489	432	496
VT	152	154	153	1,375	1,375	1,525	226	212	233
VA	118	120	120	1,425	1,290	1,440	168	155	173
WA	246	247	247	1,885	1,735	1,925	464	429	475
WI	1,300	1,278	1,276	1,495	1,350	1,510	1,944	1,725	1,927
20 STS	7,743	7,744	7,745	1,599	1,468	1,650	12,384	11,365	12,778

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 on April 1, 2002 totaled 113,000 head compared to 97,000 in April 2001, an increase of 17 percent. Placements in feedlots during March 2002 totaled 19,000 head, a 90 percent increase over the previous year's total of 10,000 head and a 58 percent increase over the previous month's total of 12,000 head. Marketing of fed cattle totaled 14,000 head, a 30 percent decrease from the previous year but a 27 percent increase over February 2002. Other disappearance in March 2002 totaled 1,000 head compared to 4,000 head in March 2001 and 1,000 head in February 2002.

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 11.58 million head on April 1, 2002. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.95 million, 6 percent above 2001 but 4 percent below 2000. Net placements were 1.88 million. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.83 million, 5 percent below 2001 and 11 percent below 2000. Other disappearance totaled 69,000 during March, 30 percent below 2001 and 33 percent below 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/}		
	4/1/01	3/1/02	4/1/02	DURING								
				3/01	2/02	3/02	3/01	2/02	3/02	3/01	2/02	3/02
	-----1,000 Head-----											
AZ	309	310	314	29	26	32	22	26	27	5	1	1
CA	435	475	485	65	55	68	56	50	55	14	5	3
CO	1,190	1,150	1,120	220	*190	200	210	*210	215	10	10	15
ID	330	315	325	72	58	70	61	61	59	1	2	1
IA	385	400	395	46	57	49	45	51	53	1	1	1
KS	2,460	2,420	2,420	395	435	435	385	450	420	20	15	15
NE	2,350	2,300	2,300	320	370	310	335	350	300	15	10	10
NM	97	109	113	10	12	19	20	11	14	4	1	1
OK	370	345	360	66	55	80	83	59	64	3	1	1
SD	215	210	220	43	45	44	32	34	33	3	1	1
TX	2,730	2,850	2,900	455	410	560	550	400	495	15	10	15
WA	257	229	230	53	43	40	40	50	37	1	1	2
Oth Sts	395	405	395	68	54	46	77	49	53	6	5	3
US	11,523	11,518	11,577	1,842	*1,810	1,953	1,916	*1,801	1,825	98	63	69

*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.