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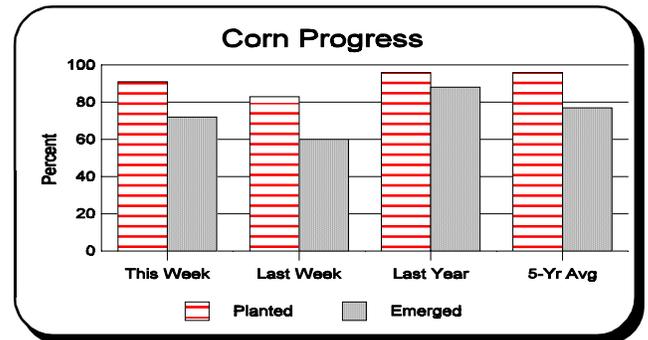
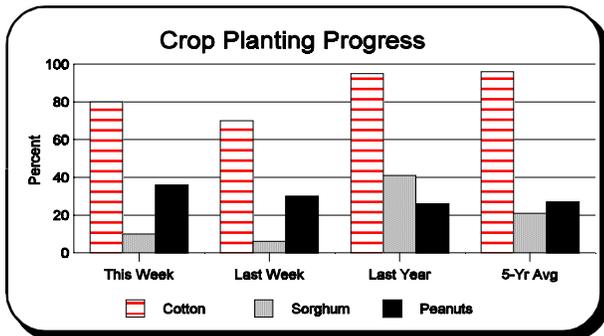
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 26, 2002

NEW MEXICO: There were 6.6 days suitable for field work. Wind damage was 38% light and 16% moderate, with no damage to 46% of the crops. Farmers spent the week baling hay, irrigating, and planting cotton and milo. There was damage to corn and wheat last week from the strong winds which continue to deplete the little soil moisture that remains. Cotton was 80% planted and corn was 91% planted with 72% of the corn crop emerged. Both crops were in mostly fair to good condition. Chile was in mostly fair to excellent condition. The alfalfa condition is declining fast with the lack of moisture and was listed in mostly poor to good condition, with the 1st cutting 70% complete. Wheat was in mostly very poor to fair condition with 98% headed. Onions were in mostly good to excellent condition. Peanuts were reported at 36% planted. Ranchers are supplemental feeding, watering, branding, and continue to cull heavily due to the severe drought condition across the state. Pasture and range feed conditions declined last week to 50% very poor, 34% poor, 12% fair, and 4% good.

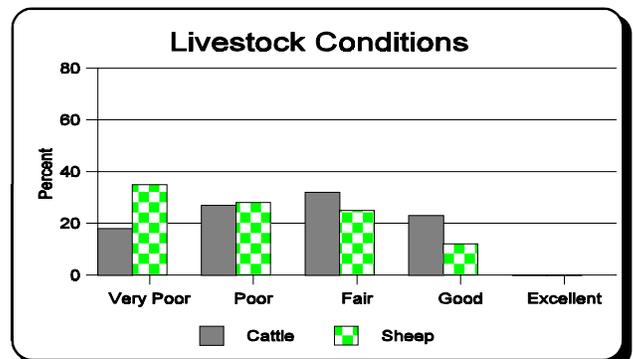
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
PLANTED	Cotton	80	70	95	96
	Peanuts	36	30	26	27
	Sorghum	10	6	41	21
	Corn	91	83	96	93
EMERGED	Corn	72	60	88	77
HARVESTED	Onions	15	15	0	12



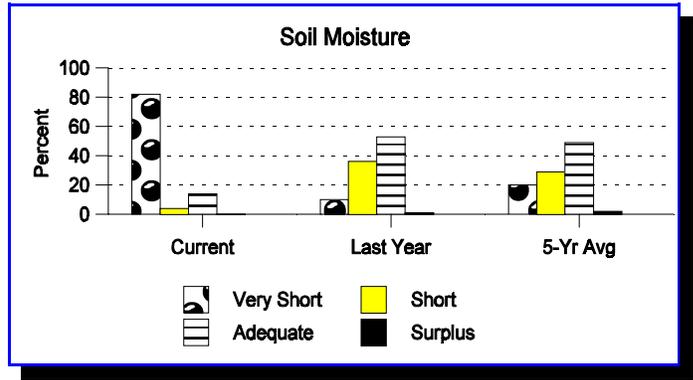
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	15	43	36	5
Apples	40	50	5	5	--
Chile	--	2	22	67	9
Corn	--	2	62	32	4
Cotton	--	2	70	20	8
Onions	--	--	4	57	39
Wheat (All)	52	14	24	9	1
Cattle	18	27	32	23	--
Sheep	35	28	25	12	--



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	86	2	12	--
Northeast	98	2	--	--
Southwest	67	--	33	--
Southeast	63	12	25	--
State	82	4	14	--
State-Last Year	10	36	53	1
State-5-Yr Avg.	20	29	49	2



WEATHER SUMMARY

An upper level disturbance which crossed the state near the end of the work week ushered in cooler air across portions of the state. As a result, average temperatures for the week were generally near or a few degrees below normal. Two systems resulted in some spotty showers on Monday and towards the end of the week. Amounts were generally light, but Socorro reported .34" and Tucumcari measured .44".

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS MAY 20-26, 2002

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	05/20 05/26	05/01 05/26	Normal May	01/01 05/26	Normal Jan-May
Carlsbad	74.6	96	54	0.00	0.00	1.16	2.54	2.65
Tatum	70.3	92	49	0.00	0.00	2.09	4.50	4.14
Roswell	72.9	96	53	0.00	0.00	1.24	3.53	3.23
Clayton	62.1	86	37	0.00	0.03	1.99	0.83	4.03
Clovis	68.2	91	39	0.01	0.01	1.87	2.08	4.17
Roy	62.3	78	40	0.00	0.00	1.84	0.42	3.98
Tucumcari	69.6	91	41	0.44	0.46	1.49	2.27	3.49
Chama	48.4	75	17	0.02	0.02	1.11	2.03	7.72
Johnson Ranch	55.4	82	25	0.00	0.00	0.62	0.88	3.09
Capulin	54.8	79	24	0.05	0.19	2.30	1.85	5.16
Las Vegas	56.9	80	30	0.21	0.24	1.68	0.70	3.84
Los Alamos	57.0	75	39	0.00	0.00	1.17	1.00	5.05
Raton	56.3	80	29	0.12	0.15	2.27	0.88	5.17
Santa Fe	---	---	---	0.00	0.00	1.22	1.24	4.09
Red River	48.3	69	25	0.04	0.04	1.77	3.11	7.52
Farmington	58.1	86	25	0.00	0.00	0.67	0.51	3.15
Gallup	53.8	82	22	T	0.06	0.51	1.05	3.74
Grants	57.9	82	30	0.00	0.06	0.53	1.61	2.48
Silver City	61.9	82	41	0.01	0.01	0.30	0.01	4.20
Quemado	53.9	80	23	0.00	0.10	0.50	0.72	3.45
Albuquerque	66.9	85	47	T	0.02	0.50	0.80	2.46
Carrizozo	65.8	85	46	0.00	0.00	0.62	1.93	2.72
Gran Quivera	63.1	82	38	0.20	0.20	0.82	0.85	3.70
Moriarty	61.6	84	38	0.00	0.39	0.97	1.55	3.07
Ruidoso	59.6	76	36	0.03	0.19	0.87	1.63	5.11
Socorro	66.7	87	45	0.34	0.61	0.52	0.97	1.93
Alamogordo	68.4	90	41	0.00	0.00	0.45	0.00	2.38
Animas	70.9	91	47	0.01	0.01	0.18	1.29	2.04
Deming	69.2	91	47	0.01	0.07	0.19	1.31	1.73
T or C	70.8	88	51	0.00	0.32	0.49	0.82	1.89
Las Cruces	70.1	94	46	0.14	0.14	0.29	1.43	1.55

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

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

MILK PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Milk production in New Mexico during April totaled 535 million pounds, slightly below the previous month's total of 536 million pounds. Milk per cow also saw a slight decline to 1,815 pounds per cow compared to 1,830 the previous month. This however, was a significant increase over the previous year's average of 1,760 pounds. Number of milk cows increased during April by 2,000 head to 295,000 compared to 293,000 in March 2002 and 261,000 head in April 2001. New Mexico remains 7th in the nation in milk production.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 20 major States during April totaled 12.5 billion pounds, up 2.9 percent from April 2001. March revised production, at 12.8 billion pounds, was up 3.1 percent from March 2001. The March revision represented a decrease of 7 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,614 pounds for April, 43 pounds above April 2001. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.75 million head, 12,000 head more than April 2001, and 8,000 head more than March 2002.

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

State	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	4/01	3/02	4/02	4/01	3/02	4/02	4/01	3/02	4/02
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	140	140	140	1,855	2,055	2,020	260	288	283
CA	1,576	1,631	1,636	1,770	1,830	1,790	2,790	2,985	2,928
FL	154	151	151	1,475	1,505	1,420	227	227	214
ID	360	381	381	1,740	1,760	1,740	626	671	663
IL	117	115	115	1,555	1,620	1,610	182	186	185
IN	152	152	152	1,435	1,490	1,485	218	226	226
IA	212	209	209	1,545	1,615	1,585	328	338	331
KY	128	123	123	1,180	1,245	1,240	151	153	153
MI	304	295	296	1,620	1,730	1,675	492	510	496
MN	515	490	490	1,495	1,560	1,515	770	764	742
MO	148	138	138	1,265	1,335	1,325	187	184	183
NM	261	293	295	1,760	1,830	1,815	459	536	535
NY	670	678	679	1,450	1,560	1,500	972	1,058	1,019
OH	261	260	260	1,390	1,500	1,470	363	390	382
PA	599	581	581	1,540	1,630	1,600	922	947	930
TX	332	310	310	1,435	1,600	1,580	476	496	490
VT	152	154	154	1,455	1,530	1,495	221	236	230
VA	118	120	120	1,380	1,450	1,400	163	174	168
WA	246	247	247	1,860	1,925	1,895	458	475	468
WI	1,295	1,276	1,275	1,460	1,510	1,480	1,891	1,927	1,887
20 STS	7,740	7,744	7,752	1,571	1,649	1,614	12,156	12,771	12,513

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 totaled 102,000 head, 9.7% below the previous month's total of 113,000. Placements in April totaled 11,000 head, 8,000 less than March 2002 and 1,000 head less than April 2001. Marketings of fed cattle during April increased by 50% totaling 21,000 head compared to 14,000 head the previous month. Other disappearance remained at 1,000 head.

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 10.96 million head on May 1, 2002. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.45 million, 6 percent below 2001 and 15 percent below 2000. Net placements were 1.37 million. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.99 million, 10 percent above 2001 and 6 percent above 2000. Other disappearance totaled 83,000 during April, 7 percent below 2001 and 8 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/}		
	5/1/01	4/1/02	5/1/02	DURING								
				4/01	3/02	4/02	4/01	3/02	4/02	4/01	3/02	4/02
	-----1,000 Head-----											
AZ	308	314	304	27	32	26	25	27	34	3	1	2
CA	435	485	480	60	68	59	50	55	61	10	3	3
CO	1,170	1,120	1,080	160	200	165	170	215	190	10	15	15
ID	330	325	315	56	70	52	53	59	60	3	1	2
IA	380	395	385	37	49	40	41	53	49	1	1	1
KS	2,380	2,420	2,270	350	435	320	395	420	445	35	15	25
NE	2,250	2,300	2,170	250	310	260	345	300	380	5	10	10
NM	83	113	102	12	19	11	25	14	21	1	1	1
OK	345	360	340	51	80	49	72	64	67	4	1	2
SD	215	220	215	27	44	28	25	33	32	2	1	1
TX	2,640	2,900	2,700	440	560	365	520	495	550	10	15	15
WA	254	230	215	37	40	26	39	37	39	1	2	2
Oth Sts	380	395	380	44	46	52	55	53	63	4	3	4
US	11,170	11,577	10,956	1,551	1,953	1,453	1,815	1,825	1,991	89	69	83

^{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.