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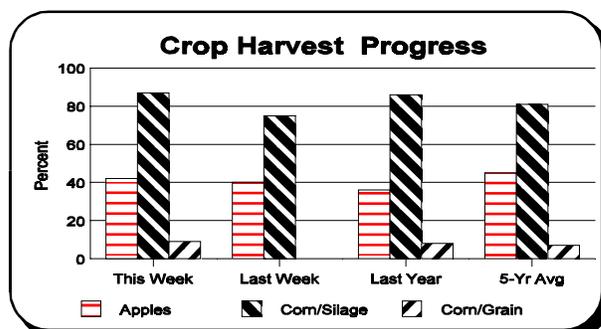
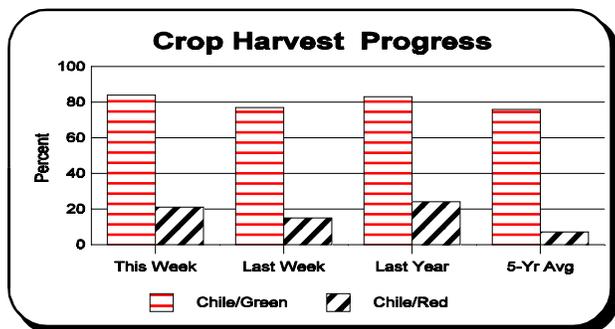
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 22, 2002

NEW MEXICO: There were 6.3 days suitable for field work. Farmers were busy harvesting vegetables, planting wheat, and cutting hay and silage. Corn was in fair to excellent condition, with 79% of the crop mature. The corn for silage harvest was 87% complete and the corn for grain harvest was 9% complete. Cotton was in mostly fair to excellent condition, with 68% bolls opening. Irrigated sorghum remained in mostly fair to good condition, progressing to 84% colored and 14% mature. Dryland sorghum was reported as very poor to fair, with 65% coloring and 5% mature. Pecans were in fair to excellent condition, with drop listed as 40% below average, 59% average and 1% heavy. Some pecan drop was due to high winds. The green chile harvest was 84% complete, the red was 21%, and apples were 42% harvested. Wheat was 72% planted and 43% emerged. Alfalfa was listed as 9% very poor, 10% poor, 48% fair, 25% good, and 8% excellent. The 5th cutting is 95% complete and 43% of the 6th has been cut. Ranchers spent the week maintaining their herds and tanks, with supplemental feeding still occurring in many areas of the state. Cattle were reported as 12% very poor, 27% poor, 34% fair, and 27% good. Sheep were 18% very poor, 38% poor, 31% fair, and 13% good. Range conditions are still suffering despite the recent rains. They were reported as 30% very poor, 42% poor, 23% fair, and 5% good.

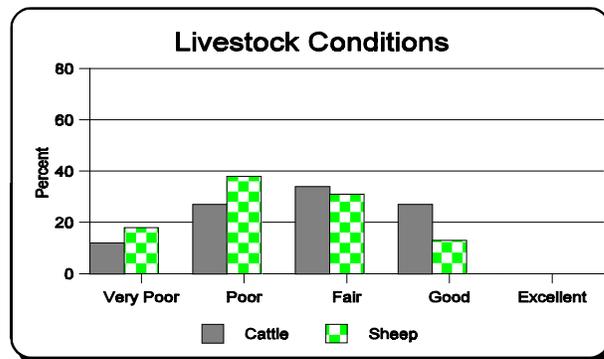
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
APPLES	Harvested	42	40	36	45
CHILE	Harvested-Green	84	77	83	76
	Harvested-Red	21	15	24	7
CORN	Grain-Harvested	9	N/A	8	7
	Silage-Harvested	87	75	86	81
COTTON	Bolls Opening	68	61	72	69
SORGHUM (ALL)	Coloring	72	59	74	70
WHEAT (ALL)	Planted	72	67	73	65



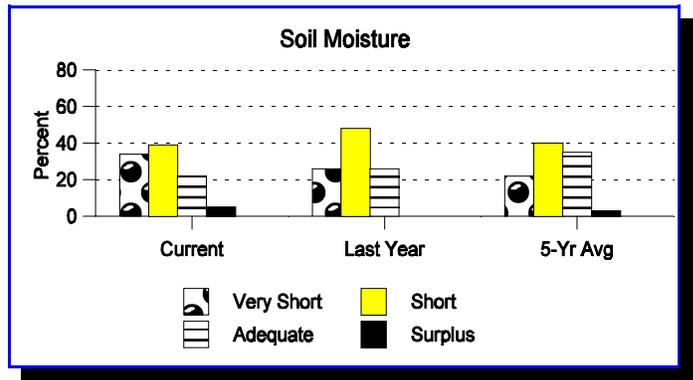
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	9	10	48	25	8
Apples	--	45	25	30	--
Chile	--	--	14	49	37
Corn	--	--	42	46	12
Cotton	3	3	32	46	16
Lettuce	--	--	24	29	47
Peanuts	--	--	37	53	10
Pecans	--	--	43	40	17
Sorghum (All)	28	8	49	15	--
Wheat (All)	--	2	44	54	--
Cattle	12	27	34	27	--
Sheep	18	38	31	13	--



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	25	55	20	--
Northeast	30	47	23	--
Southwest	26	40	17	17
Southeast	46	28	26	--
State	34	39	22	5
State-Last Year	26	48	26	--
State-5-Yr Avg.	22	40	35	3



WEATHER SUMMARY

A fairly impressive storm brought precipitation to much of the state around mid-week, and even left a temporary snow cover over the higher elevations of the north. Red River picked up 2.86 inches of precipitation, while Capulin, Clayton, and Tucumcari all measured over an inch. Precipitation was much lighter to the south, and was very spotty in the southwest. Temperatures for the week were close to normal at most locations.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS SEPTEMBER 16 -22, 2002

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	09/16 09/22	09/01 09/22	Normal Sept	01/01 09/22	Normal Jan-Sept
Carlsbad	72.6	95	51	0.30	1.22	2.75	9.26	10.74
Hobbs	66.9	91	47	0.04	1.04	2.36	12.65	13.53
Roswell	70.5	93	50	0.03	1.26	1.87	10.14	10.64
Clayton	62.2	85	46	1.11	4.21	1.77	7.32	13.38
Clovis	66.9	88	48	0.32	1.11	2.16	10.58	14.90
Roy	62.7	83	45	0.52	3.33	1.90	14.03	13.74
Tucumcari	66.3	91	47	1.21	3.97	1.47	12.49	12.45
Chama	50.4	75	28	0.65	1.89	2.23	7.39	16.13
Johnson Ranch	56.9	77	36	0.14	1.47	1.33	5.71	9.05
Capulin	55.7	79	36	1.21	1.59	2.22	9.60	15.30
Las Vegas	56.1	77	37	0.34	2.68	2.07	7.89	14.85
Los Alamos	53.4	72	37	0.16	1.97	2.12	7.73	15.30
Raton	56.2	80	33	0.65	2.71	1.61	8.59	14.64
Santa Fe	57.6	81	36	0.21	2.05	1.51	6.72	11.54
Red River	48.0	69	28	2.86	4.24	1.66	13.81	16.69
Farmington	62.1	83	40	0.05	2.47	0.97	3.63	6.33
Gallup	57.0	79	35	0.29	2.13	1.31	7.73	9.67
Grants	58.2	79	37	0.13	3.74	1.56	7.00	8.51
Silver City	62.8	83	45	0.00	3.52	2.22	6.24	12.86
Quemado	57.1	77	33	0.00	3.81	1.73	11.33	11.41
Albuquerque	65.1	85	50	0.26	1.44	1.00	4.90	7.06
Carrizozo	64.3	83	43	0.52	1.93	1.88	8.94	10.12
Gran Quivera	59.9	80	43	0.96	2.81	1.95	9.28	12.74
Moriarty	58.1	83	37	0.35	0.66	1.61	5.03	10.67
Ruidoso	56.4	75	39	0.48	2.60	2.50	13.36	17.53
Socorro	62.6	88	42	0.44	2.96	1.53	8.14	7.37
Alamogordo	71.5	91	50	0.05	1.80	1.99	5.46	9.91
Animas	71.9	89	50	0.00	0.69	1.68	3.77	8.76
Deming	71.7	92	50	0.03	0.72	1.63	6.09	8.11
T or C	69.4	88	52	0.14	2.40	1.08	5.16	7.67
Las Cruces	72.0	93	49	0.13	0.45	1.36	4.79	7.28

(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 August totaled 538 million pounds, up 13.5 percent from the August 2001 total of 474 million pounds.

The average number of milk cows at 305,000 increased by 37,000 head over the previous year's total of 268,000 but held close to the July 2002 total of 303,000 head.

Milk production per cow averaged 1,765 pounds per cow compared to 1,810 pounds in July and 1,770 in August 2001.

New Mexico continues to rank 7th in the nation in milk production.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 20 major States during August totaled 12.2 billion pounds, up 3.8 percent from August 2001. July revised production, at 12.3 billion pounds, was up 2.3 from July 2001. The July revision represented an increase 1 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,568 pounds for August, 48 pounds above August 2001.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.79 million head, 51,000 head more than August 2001, and 3,000 head more than July 2002.

Milk Cows and Production: July 2002^{1/} and August 2001-2002

State	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	8/01	7/02	8/02	8/01	7/02	8/02	8/01	7/02	8/02
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	140	148	150	1,520	1,845	1,775	213	273	266
CA	1,598	1,647	1,652	1,765	1,810	1,815	2,820	2,981	2,998
FL	153	149	149	1,115	1,250	1,145	171	186	171
ID	370	392	392	1,840	1,810	1,820	681	710	713
IL	115	115	115	1,370	1,420	1,395	158	163	160
IN	154	151	150	1,345	1,435	1,410	207	217	212
IA	207	210	210	1,475	1,495	1,480	305	314	311
KY	128	123	122	1,000	1,035	1,025	128	127	125
MI	303	301	301	1,615	1,665	1,680	489	501	506
MN	505	485	485	1,385	1,405	1,410	699	681	684
MO	144	137	136	975	1,120	1,090	140	153	149
NM	268	303	305	1,770	1,810	1,765	474	548	538
NY	673	679	677	1,480	1,550	1,520	996	1,052	1,029
OH	258	264	264	1,380	1,430	1,390	356	378	367
PA	598	584	585	1,480	1,525	1,515	885	891	886
TX	322	308	308	1,140	1,350	1,290	367	416	397
VT	152	154	154	1,460	1,480	1,450	222	228	223
VA	118	120	120	1,260	1,275	1,275	149	153	153
WA	247	248	248	1,945	1,965	1,965	480	487	487
WI	1,282	1,265	1,263	1,415	1,460	1,450	1,814	1,847	1,831
20 STS	7,735	7,783	7,786	1,520	1,581	1,568	11,754	12,306	12,205

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 for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 114,000, 19 percent above the 2001 total of 96,000 head and 5 percent above the previous month's total of 109,000. Placements totaled 22,000 head compared to the 2001 total of 12,000, or an increase of 83 percent. Marketings remained consistent with 2001 totaling 15,000 head while other disappearance totaled 2,000 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 10.13 million head on September 1, 2002. The inventory was 7 percent below September 1, 2001. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.22 million, 1 percent above 2001 but 9 percent below 2000. Net placements were 2.18 million. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.14 million, 2 percent below 2001 and 3 percent below 2000. Other disappearance totaled 43,000 during August, 20 percent below 2001 and 12 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/}		
	9/1/01	8/1/02	9/1/02	DURING								
				8/01	7/02	8/02	8/01	7/02	8/02	8/01	7/02	8/02
	-----1,000 Head-----											
AZ	293	285	285	32	26	30	34	31	29	2	1	1
CA	470	485	490	50	59	60	52	56	52	3	3	3
CO	1,010	990	1,000	210	190	245	255	225	230	5	5	5
ID	305	285	275	70	52	58	74	66	67	1	1	1
IA	310	320	310	39	44	56	53	72	65	1	2	1
KS	2,490	2,140	2,230	570	510	570	490	520	470	10	10	10
NE	1,820	1,790	1,850	435	400	445	420	495	380	5	5	5
NM	96	109	114	12	18	22	15	9	15	2	1	2
OK	395	310	305	78	60	74	71	74	78	2	1	1
SD	140	160	145	21	18	24	34	30	38	1	3	1
TX	2,990	2,740	2,680	570	390	530	560	490	580	20	10	10
WA	231	165	155	61	39	40	58	53	49	1	1	1
Oth Sts	305	310	290	56	34	64	70	72	82	1	2	2
US	10,855	10,089	10,129	2,204	1,840	2,218	2,186	2,193	2,135	54	45	43

^{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.