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CROP VALUES

NEW MEXICO: The total value of production for principal crops in New Mexico increased by 5.6% in 2002. The increase was less than the national increase of 7.0%. Crops that showed an increase from 2001 included corn for grain, upland cotton, pima cotton, alfalfa, and other hay.

Value of Production: Selected Crops, New Mexico and U.S., 2002

Commodity	New Mexico			United States	
	Unit	Price	Value of	Price	Value of
		Per Unit	Production	Per Unit	Production
		---Dollars---	---\$1,000---	---Dollars---	---\$1,000---
Corn for Grain	Bu.	2.85	25,137	2.35	21,213,159
Sorghum for Grain	Bu.	2.46	6,899	2.41	883,690
All Wheat	Bu.	3.45	12,903	3.60	5,863,378
Peanuts	Lb.	0.190	10,260	0.179	594,426
Cottonseed	Ton	106.00	4,590	100.00	638,115
Upland Cotton ^{1/}	Lb.	0.520	24,960	0.405	3,330,223
A-P Cotton	Lb.	0.803	5,396	0.846	263,593
Alfalfa Hay ^{2/}	Ton	142.00	206,752	102.00	7,172,182
Other Hay ^{2/}	Ton	116.00	26,448	74.20	5,260,547
All Potatoes ^{3/}	Cwt.	6.45	15,035	6.82	3,151,178

^{1/} Value of Production based on 480-lb. net weight bale. ^{2/} Baled Hay. ^{3/} The value of production is the sum of the value of production of the seasonal groups.

Value of Production: Selected Crops, New Mexico and U.S., 2001

Commodity	New Mexico			United States	
	Unit	Price	Value of	Price	Value of
		Per Unit	Production	Per Unit	Production
		---Dollars---	---\$1,000---	---Dollars---	---\$1,000---
Corn for Grain	Bu.	2.40	19,872	1.97	18,888,389
Sorghum for Grain	Bu.	2.10	13,230	1.94	979,794
All Wheat	Bu.	2.75	22,440	2.78	5,440,217
Peanuts	Lb.	0.260	17,431	0.234	1,000,512
Cottonseed	Ton	112.00	5,354	90.50	667,348
Upland Cotton ^{1/}	Lb.	0.341	20,296	0.298	2,833,913
A-P Cotton	Lb.	0.877	4,420	0.856	287,935
Alfalfa Hay ^{2/}	Ton	126.00	170,100	104.00	7,524,869
Other Hay ^{2/}	Ton	107.00	25,894	73.30	5,077,665
All Potatoes ^{3/}	Cwt.	7.10	15,477	6.99	3,057,573

^{1/} Value of Production based on 480-lb. net weight bale. ^{2/} Baled Hay. ^{3/} The value of production is the sum of the value of production of the seasonal groups.

Crop Values: Summary by Selected States and U.S., 2001-2002

State	2001				2002			
	Field & Misc Crops	Fruits & Nuts	Commercial Vegetables	Total Value of Principal Crops ^{1/}	Field & Misc Crops	Fruits & Nuts	Commercial Vegetables	Total Value of Principal Crops ^{1/}
	-----Dollars-----							
AZ	412,126	59,066	755,799	1,226,991	466,864	88,263	1,215,315	1,770,442
CA	2,692,350	6,870,399	4,991,100	14,553,849	2,747,731	7,710,488	5,042,984	15,501,203
CO	1,372,700	15,384	98,303	1,486,387	1,130,195	15,679	108,557	1,254,431
ID	1,991,160	21,030	46,910	2,059,100	2,078,913	24,884	46,805	2,150,602
KS	3,152,750	1,730	---	3,154,480	2,930,676	2,058	---	2,932,734
MO	2,360,218	11,750	14,222	2,386,190	2,463,543	13,639	17,948	2,495,130
MT	898,981	2,082	---	901,063	1,071,940	3,791	---	1,075,731
NV	196,571	---	18,966	215,537	174,986	---	27,764	202,750
NM	320,379	40,308	102,381	463,068	340,683	40,907	107,480	489,070
ND	2,490,899	---	---	2,490,899	2,946,505	---	---	2,946,505
OK	830,878	13,348	5,250	849,476	923,127	10,547	5,005	938,679
SD	2,180,239	---	---	2,180,239	1,928,555	---	---	1,928,555
TX	2,948,909	98,053	423,151	3,470,113	3,589,184	79,120	428,844	4,097,148
UT	277,263	9,464	6,422	293,149	258,301	4,706	7,355	270,362
WY	298,936	---	---	298,936	251,935	---	---	251,935
Other States	44,069,057	4,592,363	3,760,985	52,422,405	47,987,498	4,809,818	3,620,739	56,418,055
U.S.	66,493,416	11,734,977	10,223,489	88,451,882	71,290,636	12,803,900	10,628,796	94,723,332

ANNUAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

NEW MEXICO: Commercial cattle slaughter in New Mexico totaled 20,400 head during 2002 compared to 17,600 head in 2001. The average live weight was 907 pounds, down 52 pounds from the previous year. Number of **hogs slaughtered** totaled 2,800, an increase of 300 over the 2001 total of 2,500. Average live weight remained constant at 212 pounds. **Sheep and lamb slaughter** totaled 32,100 head, an increase of 2,200 head over the 2001 total of 29,900 head. Total live weight in 2002 increased by 222 pounds, while average live weight remained at 112 pounds.

UNITED STATES: Commercial cattle slaughter during 2002 totaled 35.7 million head, up 1 percent from 2001, with federal inspection comprising 98.3 percent of the total. The average live weight was 1,251 pounds, up 30 pounds from a year ago. **Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 100.3 million head, up 2 percent from 2001, with 98.7 percent of the hogs slaughtered under federal inspection. The average live weight, at 265 pounds, was up 1 pound from last year. Barrows and gilts comprised 96.5 percent of the total federally inspected slaughter. **Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter**, totaled 3.29 million head, up 2 percent from 2001, with 94.1 percent comprised by federal inspection. The average live weight fell 7 pounds from 2001 to 133 pounds.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter, New Mexico and U.S., 2001-2002 ^{1/}

	New Mexico						United States					
	Number Slaughtered		Total Live weight		Average Live weight		Number Slaughtered		Total Live weight		Average Live weight	
	'01	'02	'01	'02	'01	'02	'01	'02	'01	'02	'01	'02
	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	17.6	20.4	16,865	18,475	959	907	35,369.7	35,734.6	43,174,839	44,687,867	1,221	1,251
Calves ^{2/}	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,006.7	1,045.4	321,869	325,678	320	312
Hogs	2.5	2.8	536	599	212	212	97,961.9	100,262.6	25,863,939	26,561,446	264	265
Sheep/lambs	29.9	32.1	3,355	3,577	112	112	3,222.1	3,286.3	450,366	437,727	140	133

^{1/} Includes slaughter under Federal Inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter. ^{2/} State data included in U.S. total. Data not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

COTTON AND WOOL OUTLOOK

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World Cotton Stocks Projected Lowest in 7 Years: The latest United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) cotton forecast for 2002/03 indicates that a record global cotton usage is expected to reduce world ending stocks to their lowest since 1995/96. With global cotton production significantly lower this season at 87.6 million bales and world consumption projected to rise to 96.8 million, ending stocks are expected to decline nearly 20 percent (9 million bales) in 2002/03.

At almost 38 million bales, world ending stocks are projected to equal about 39 percent of global consumption in 2002/03, 10 percentage points below 2001/02 and the lowest since 1994/95. Just as important, however, is the recent stock shift from China to the rest of the world, including the United States. Consumption has expanded significantly in China and, with the government's desire to reduce inventories, China's stocks as a share of world consumption has fallen dramatically from 1998/99 to the lowest since 1993/94. Meanwhile, the United States accounts for its lowest share in 3 years—about 6.5 percent.

U.S. Cotton Supply and Demand Overview: The 2002/03 U.S. cotton crop is currently estimated at 17.1 million bales (upland—16.5 million and extra long staple (ELS)—649,000 bales), compared with a record 20.3 million in 2001/02. Based on the latest *Cotton Ginnings* report, ginnings were nearly complete by the end of January as 17 million bales had been ginned. The USDA will release the final 2002/03 ginnings, as

well as final upland and ELS production on May 12th.

Based on the current production estimate and beginning stocks of 7.4 million bales, 2002/03 U.S. cotton supply is estimated at 24.6 million, 7 percent below last season but still the second highest since 1966/67. Total demand, on the other hand, is projected to reach 18.4 million bales in 2002/03, slightly below a year ago but 1 million above the late 1990's average. With demand exceeding production in 2002/03, ending stocks are forecast to decline 17 percent to 6.2 million bales, similar to stocks at the end of 2000/01.

Mill Use Estimate Revised, Exports Unchanged: The U.S. cotton mill consumption projection for 2002/03 was raised this month to 7.6 million bales, 100,000 above the January estimate but still nearly 2 percent below last season. The increase this month reflects recent mill activity that has remained relatively strong despite increases in cotton textile and apparel imports from a year ago. U.S. mill use is in its 5th year of decline and at its lowest since 1986/87.

U.S. raw cotton exports, however, remain forecast at 10.8 million bales, slightly below last season's 75-year high. Record foreign consumption in 2002/03 is projected to exceed production which is significantly lower this season. As a result, foreign import demand remains above last season, providing a home for U.S. cotton exports. The U.S. share of world trade in 2002/03 is expected to be slightly below a year ago at approximately 37 percent.

WEATHER SUMMARY

New Mexico experienced a dry week with temperatures within a few degrees of normal at most locations. The statewide average was within a degree of normal. Fewer than one quarter of the reporting stations measured precipitation. Amounts over one fifth inch included Quemado (.29"), Chama (.23"), Raton (.21"), and Farmington (.21").

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS MARCH 3 - MARCH 9, 2003

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	03/03 03/09	03/01 03/09	Normal Mar	01/01 03/09	Normal Jan-Mar
Carlsbad	55.6	78	35	0.00	0.00	0.30	1.18	1.00
Hobbs	49.1	76	18	0.00	0.00	0.52	0.38	1.41
Roswell	55.1	80	30	T	0.00	0.45	0.52	1.34
Clayton	41.9	67	13	0.00	0.04	0.55	0.11	1.10
Clovis	48.1	73	16	0.00	0.00	0.59	0.13	1.49
Roy	38.7	68	12	0.00	0.00	0.55	0.15	1.32
Tucumcari	47.5	73	19	0.00	0.00	0.40	0.61	1.13
Chama	24.5	52	-4	0.23	0.28	1.99	2.64	5.34
Johnson Ranch	35.1	60	15	T	0.00	0.74	1.24	1.98
Capulin	36.1	63	7	T	0.47	0.89	1.14	1.85
Las Vegas	41.5	66	18	T	0.01	0.56	0.61	1.27
Los Alamos	36.4	56	18	T	0.06	1.22	0.95	2.88
Raton	36.2	67	2	0.21	0.47	0.83	0.83	1.84
Santa Fe	38.6	64	16	T	0.00	0.74	0.94	2.06
Red River	26.3	50	0	0.05	0.05	1.78	3.56	4.07
Farmington	38.4	62	20	0.21	0.26	0.81	2.29	1.97
Gallup	35.5	64	15	T	0.04	1.05	1.04	2.59
Grants	36.6	66	13	T	0.00	0.50	0.38	1.50
Silver City	40.9	64	21	0.18	0.18	0.96	1.45	3.37
Quemado	36.8	64	12	0.29	0.50	0.80	1.19	2.35
Albuquerque	44.9	67	26	T	0.00	0.54	1.02	1.44
Carrizozo	44.3	70	23	0.00	0.00	0.57	0.94	1.74
Gran Quivera	43.4	67	21	0.00	0.00	0.72	0.30	2.24
Moriarty	40.1	67	19	0.00	0.00	0.53	0.36	1.44
Ruidoso	38.6	61	19	0.00	0.00	1.33	0.96	3.61
Socorro	46.4	73	20	0.00	0.00	0.27	0.39	1.05
Alamogordo	52.2	75	34	0.00	0.00	0.46	0.98	1.67
Animas	49.1	73	28	0.00	0.00	0.47	1.27	1.66
Deming	48.5	73	29	0.00	0.00	0.34	1.77	1.36
T or C	49.1	71	31	0.00	0.05	0.34	0.97	1.18
Las Cruces	50.7	76	29	0.04	0.04	0.22	1.83	1.05

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

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