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Crop Weather Grain Stocks Onions

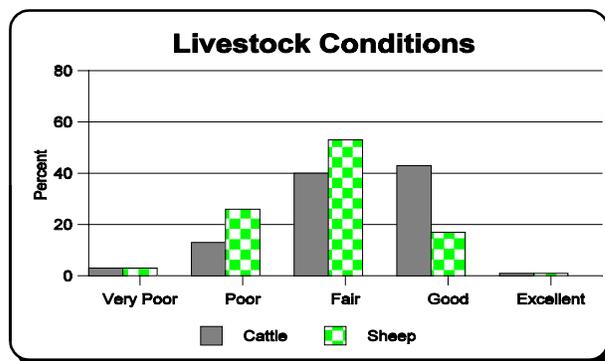
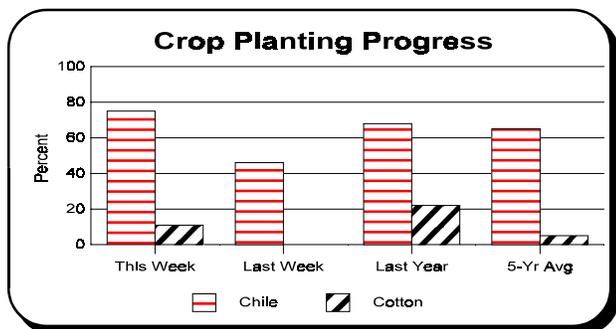
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**CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 6, 2003**

**NEW MEXICO:** There were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Wind damage was 19% light, 10% moderate, and 16% severe. The strong winds have been drying up pastures and keeping farmers out of the fields. Freeze damage was 12% light, 3% moderate, and 4% severe. Farmers spent the week irrigating wheat and alfalfa, planting chile and cotton, and spraying for insects. Alfalfa was reported as 18% very poor, 10% poor, 35% fair, 31% good, and 6% excellent. Irrigated wheat was in mostly poor to good condition and dryland wheat was in mostly very poor to fair condition. Total wheat was listed as 9% very poor, 33% poor, 42% fair, and 16% good. The lettuce and onion crops continue to do well and were in fair to excellent condition. Chile planting made great progress over the past week, jumping to 75% complete, with the crop listed as fair to excellent. Cotton planting is underway with 11% completed. Ranchers spent the week calving, lambing, shearing, feeding, and hauling water. Cattle were 3% very poor, 13% poor, 40% fair, 43% good, and 1% excellent. Sheep were reported as 3% very poor, 26% poor, 53% fair, 17% good, and 1% excellent. Range and pasture conditions continue to show no improvement at 25% very poor, 25% poor, 43% fair, and 7% good. Everyone is hoping for rain.

**CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS**

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Planted	75	46	68	65
COTTON	Planted	11	—	22	5

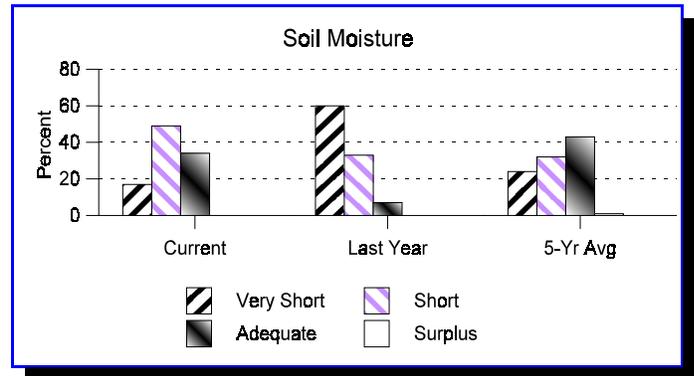


**CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	18	10	35	31	6
Lettuce	—	—	12	38	50
Chile	—	—	10	88	2
Onions	—	—	6	76	18
Wheat (All)	9	33	42	16	—
Cattle	3	13	40	43	1
Sheep	3	26	53	17	1
Range/Pasture	25	25	43	7	—

**SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES**

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	29	30	41	--
Northeast	19	58	23	--
Southwest	12	85	3	--
Southeast	--	23	77	--
State	17	49	34	--
State-Last Year	60	33	7	--
State-5-Yr Avg.	24	32	43	1



**WEATHER SUMMARY**

Most of New Mexico experienced a dry week as minor storms brushed the extreme north. Precipitation was spotty and light, with Red River (0.15") reporting the greatest amount. Temperatures were generally a few degrees above normal in the east and normal to slightly below normal in the west. Extremes ranged from 11 degrees at Chama on the 4<sup>th</sup> to 89 degrees at Carlsbad on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS MARCH 31 - APRIL 6, 2003**

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	03/31 04/06	04/01 04/06	Normal Mar	01/01 04/06	Normal Jan-Apr
Carlsbad	65.0	89	36	0.00	0.00	0.49	1.40	1.49
Tatum	58.1	85	27	0.00	0.00	0.64	0.49	2.05
Roswell	61.9	88	34	0.00	0.00	0.65	0.69	1.99
Clayton	53.7	80	33	0.00	0.00	0.94	0.44	2.04
Clovis	58.0	83	33	0.00	0.00	0.81	0.31	2.30
Roy	45.9	66	28	0.00	0.00	0.82	0.50	2.14
Tucumcari	58.0	83	33	T	0.00	0.87	2.12	2.00
Chama	35.0	63	11	0.06	0.06	1.27	3.58	6.61
Johnson Ranch	41.8	71	16	0.00	0.00	0.49	1.69	2.47
Capulin	44.9	72	22	0.00	0.00	1.01	2.04	2.86
Las Vegas	--	--	--	--	0.00	0.89	1.01	2.16
Los Alamos	43.8	66	25	T	0.00	1.00	1.57	3.88
Raton	46.1	74	21	0.00	0.00	1.06	2.02	2.90
Santa Fe	43.6	71	19	T	0.00	0.81	1.85	2.87
Red River	35.9	58	17	0.15	0.15	1.68	5.86	5.75
Farmington	46.9	74	26	T	0.00	0.51	2.50	2.48
Gallup	42.4	70	16	T	0.00	0.64	1.41	3.23
Grants	43.5	72	19	0.11	0.00	0.45	0.52	1.95
Silver City	47.0	73	20	0.01	0.01	0.53	2.15	3.90
Quemado	41.4	72	12	0.00	0.00	0.60	1.38	2.95
Albuquerque	53.9	78	35	T	0.00	0.52	2.47	1.96
Carrizozo	53.3	76	24	0.00	0.00	0.36	0.94	2.10
Gran Quivera	50.3	74	28	0.00	0.00	0.64	0.45	2.88
Moriarty	45.9	74	19	0.00	0.00	0.66	0.89	2.10
Ruidoso	48.9	68	33	0.00	0.00	0.63	1.71	4.24
Socorro	54.9	84	28	0.00	0.00	0.36	0.49	1.41
Alamogordo	60.6	84	34	0.00	0.00	0.26	1.18	1.93
Animas	59.0	83	35	0.00	0.00	0.20	1.40	1.86
Deming	52.2	84	33	0.00	0.00	0.18	1.89	1.54
T or C	56.9	82	34	0.00	0.00	0.22	0.99	1.40
Las Cruces	57.6	86	31	0.00	0.00	0.21	1.91	1.26

(T) Trace (-) No Report (\*) Correction  
 All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.

## GRAIN STOCKS

**Corn stocks** in all positions on March 1, 2003 totaled 5.13 billion bushels, down 11 percent from March 1, 2002. Of the total stocks, 2.94 billion bushels are stored on farms, down 12 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 2.19 billion bushels, are down 10 percent from the previous year. The December 2002 - February 2003 indicated disappearance is 2.51 billion bushels, compared with 2.47 billion bushels during the same period last year.

**All wheat** stored in all positions on March 1, 2003 totaled 905 million bushels, down 25 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 233 million bushels, down 31 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 672 million bushels, are down 23 percent from a year ago. The indicated December 2002 - February 2003 disappearance is 415 million bushels, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

**Grain sorghum** stored in all positions on March 1, 2003 totaled 163 million bushels, down 16 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 27.5 million bushels, are down 28 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 135 million bushels, are down 13 percent from March 1, 2002. The December 2002 - February 2003 indicated disappearance from all positions is 69.0 million bushels, compared to 120 million bushels during the same period a year earlier.

### U.S. Grain Stocks, By Position and Month 2002-2003

Date	2002			2003		
	On Farms	Off Farms <sup>1/</sup>	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms <sup>1/</sup>	Total All Positions
	-----1,000 Bushels-----					
	<b>CORN</b>					
Mar 1	3,355,000	2,440,263	5,795,263	2,940,000	2,192,318	5,132,318
Jun 1	2,020,600	1,576,290	3,596,890	----	----	----
Sep 1	586,800	1,009,626	1,596,426	----	----	----
Dec 1	4,800,000	2,837,971	7,637,971	----	----	----
	<b>SORGHUM</b>					
Mar 1	38,100	156,007	194,107	27,500	135,312	162,812
Jun 1	17,300	88,178	105,478	----	----	----
Sep 1	7,400	53,573	60,973	----	----	----
Dec 1	53,600	178,252	231,852	----	----	----
	<b>ALL WHEAT</b>					
Mar 1	338,500	871,268	1,209,768	233,200	671,667	904,867
Jun 1	216,830	560,282	777,112	----	----	----
Sep 1	580,200	1,170,787	1,750,987	----	----	----
Dec 1	384,800	935,069	1,319,869	----	----	----

<sup>1/</sup> Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.

**ONIONS**

**NEW MEXICO:** Planted onion acreage for 2003 dropped for the first time in 5 years and is estimated at 7,700 acres, 400 acres below the 2002 level. The reduction of available irrigation water was the major cause of the decrease. Nationally, the Summer Non-Storage Onions total 23,200 acres, 200 acres above the 2002 level of 23,000 acres.

**Onions: Area Planted by Season, State, and United States, 2001- 2003**

Season and State	2001	2002	2003
	-----Acres-----		
Spring Onions <sup>1/</sup>	39,200	38,900	34,900
Summer Onions Non-Storage <sup>1/</sup>			
CA <sup>2/</sup>	7,300	7,500	8,000
NV	2,900	3,300	3,400
<b>NM</b>	<b>8,100</b>	<b>8,100</b>	<b>7,700</b>
TX	2,800	3,000	2,700
WA	800	1,100	1,400
Total Non-Storage	21,900	23,000	23,200
Summer Storage	108,400	107,250	103,860
Total Summer	130,300	130,250	127,060
<b>U.S. Total Onions</b>	<b>169,500</b>	<b>169,150</b>	<b>161,960</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Primarily fresh market. <sup>2/</sup> Primarily dehydrated and other processing.