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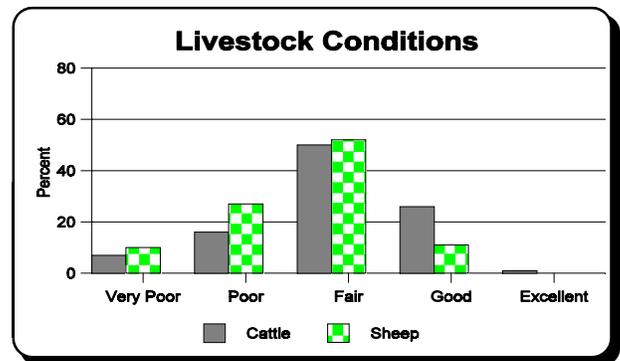
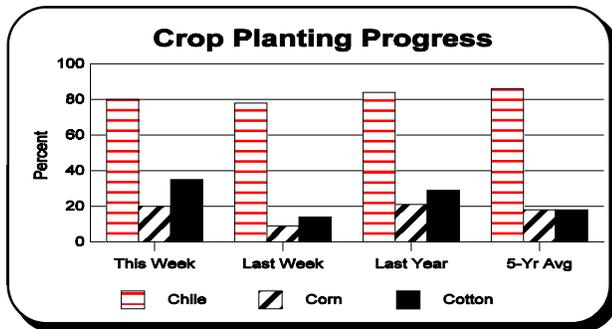
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 20, 2003

NEW MEXICO: There were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Freeze damage was 10% light and 3% moderate, with fruit trees and wheat affected. Wind damage was 17% light, 20% moderate, and 5% severe. Damage was caused to most crops, but alfalfa and chile were especially affected. The wind also uprooted trees, knocked down fences, and blew off roofs. Farmers spent the week cleaning up after the wind, preparing beds, irrigating, planting corn, cotton, chile, and potatoes, and spraying for weeds and insects. Army cutworm, weevils, and bark beetle damage has been reported. Alfalfa condition declined over the week to 13% very poor, 12% poor, 46% fair, 28% good, and 1% excellent. Total wheat conditions dropped to 17% very poor, 38% poor, 31% fair, 13% good, and 1% excellent, with 11% headed. Harvesting for hay and wheatlage continued, with the damaged acreage now being cut as well. Some of the chile crop dropped below fair condition for the first time this season, with conditions listed as 4% very poor, 4% poor, 14% fair, and 78% good. Chile planting increased 2% over the previous week to 80% complete. Onions were still listed as good to excellent and were going into seed production. Lettuce remained in fair to excellent condition. Corn was 20% planted and cotton was 35% planted. Ranchers were busy feeding, watering, calving, lambing, branding, and marketing. Cattle were listed as 7% very poor, 16% poor, 50% fair, 26% good, and 1% excellent. Sheep were listed as 10% very poor, 27% poor, 52% fair, and 11% good. Range and pasture conditions were 27% very poor, 31% poor, 34% fair, and 8% good.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Planted	80	78	84	86
CORN	Planted	20	9	21	18
COTTON	Planted	35	14	29	18
WHEAT (ALL)	Headed	11	3	14	6

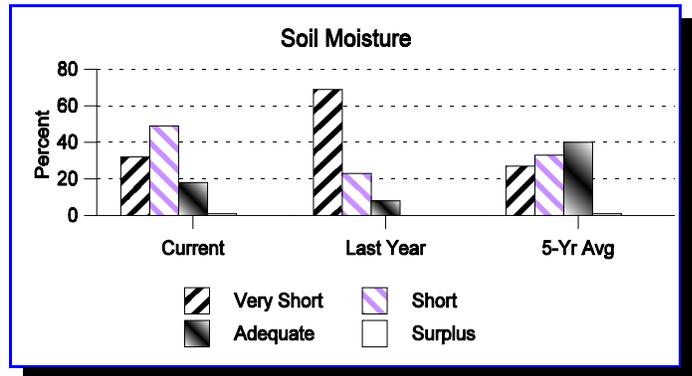


CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	13	12	46	28	1
Lettuce	-	-	10	52	38
Chile	4	4	14	78	--
Onions	-	-	-	76	24
Wheat (All)	17	38	31	13	1
Cattle	7	16	50	26	1
Sheep	10	27	52	11	--
Range/Pasture	27	31	34	8	--

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	37	40	21	2
Northeast	33	57	9	1
Southwest	26	74	--	--
Southeast	26	34	40	--
State	32	49	18	1
State-Last Year	69	23	8	--
State-5-Yr Avg.	27	32	40	1



WEATHER SUMMARY

A couple of spring storms moved across New Mexico during the week. The most significant one was on Tuesday, and produced wind gusts over 60 mph in many locations. Precipitation was fairly light with the storm, but Red River managed to collect .83 inches of moisture from over 15 inches of snow. Ruidoso with .54 inches was the only other spot to measure over half an inch of moisture. The second storm of the week produced some light precipitation and colder weather over the weekend. It was very close to normal in the east.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS APRIL 14 - 20, 2003

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	04/14 04/20	04/01 04/20	Normal Apr	01/01 04/20	Normal Jan-Apr
Carlsbad	69.1	93	44	T	0.00	0.49	1.40	1.49
Tatum	63.0	89	37	T	0.00	0.64	0.49	2.05
Roswell	64.8	92	40	0.02	0.02	0.65	0.71	1.99
Clayton	54.4	82	36	0.17	0.18	0.94	0.62	2.04
Clovis	58.9	82	28	0.04	0.04	0.81	0.35	2.30
Roy	--	--	--	--	--	0.82	0.50	2.14
Tucumcari	60.4	86	32	0.05	0.18	0.87	2.30	2.00
Chama	38.0	65	14	0.29	0.36	1.27	3.88	6.61
Johnson Ranch	45.6	73	21	0.04	0.04	0.49	1.73	2.47
Capulin	47.4	74	25	0.12	0.15	1.01	2.19	2.86
Las Vegas	47.9	71	28	0.03	0.03	0.89	1.04	2.16
Los Alamos	44.6	66	27	0.32	0.32	1.00	1.89	3.88
Raton	48.8	74	31	0.35	0.38	1.06	2.40	2.90
Santa Fe	47.6	68	28	0.18	0.18	0.81	2.03	2.87
Red River	39.5	60	24	0.89	1.19	1.68	6.90	5.75
Farmington	48.8	72	28	0.04	0.04	0.51	2.54	2.48
Gallup	43.1	67	19	0.06	0.06	0.64	1.47	3.23
Grants	45.4	71	19	0.03	0.03	0.45	0.55	1.95
Silver City	51.8	76	28	0.11	0.12	0.53	2.26	3.90
Quemado	45.9	73	18	0.09	0.09	0.60	1.47	2.95
Albuquerque	55.1	78	38	T	0.00	0.52	2.47	1.96
Carrizozo	55.8	77	34	0.22	0.22	0.36	1.16	2.10
Gran Quivera	51.3	76	28	0.00	0.00	0.64	0.45	2.88
Moriarty	50.2	79	21	0.02	0.02	0.66	0.91	2.10
Ruidoso	51.1	70	26	0.54	0.54	0.63	2.25	4.24
Socorro	57.4	83	31	0.00	0.00	0.36	0.49	1.41
Alamogordo	63.2	86	39	0.00	0.00	0.26	1.18	1.93
Animas	59.4	81	34	0.00	0.00	0.20	1.40	1.86
Deming	58.9	83	34	0.02	0.02	0.18	1.91	1.54
T or C	59.6	81	40	0.04	0.04	0.22	1.03	1.40
Las Cruces	59.4	89	35	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.

MILK PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Milk production in New Mexico during the month of March totaled 578 million pounds, an 8 percent increase over production in March 2002. Production per cow averaged 1,835 pounds during March 2003 compared to 1,830 pounds during March 2002. The average number of milk cows for March totaled 315,000 head, 2,000 head over the previous month's total and 22,000 higher than the average number during the same period one year ago.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 20 major States during March totaled 13.0 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from March 2002. February revised production, at 11.6 billion pounds, was up 1.6 percent from February 2002. The February revision represented a decrease of 8 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,664 pounds for March, 10 pounds above March 2002. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.81 million head, 67,000 head more than March 2002, and 2,000 head more than February 2003.

Milk Cows and Production: February 2003^{1/} and March 2002-2003

State	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	3/02	2/03	3/03	3/02	2/03	3/03	3/02	2/03	3/03
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	143	150	150	2,250	1,915	2,155	322	287	323
CA	1,631	1,686	1,691	1,830	1,635	1,825	2,985	2,757	3,086
FL	151	147	147	1,505	1,345	1,515	227	198	223
ID	381	394	395	1,760	1,650	1,850	671	650	731
IL	115	114	113	1,620	1,485	1,670	186	169	189
IN	153	146	145	1,495	1,400	1,565	229	204	227
IA	209	204	203	1,615	1,480	1,640	338	302	333
KY	123	120	120	1,245	1,000	1,150	153	120	138
MI	295	299	299	1,730	1,560	1,755	510	466	525
MN	490	480	480	1,560	1,385	1,555	764	665	746
MO	138	133	131	1,335	1,150	1,340	184	153	176
NM	293	313	315	1,830	1,615	1,835	536	505	578
NY	675	682	686	1,565	1,390	1,540	1,056	948	1,056
OH	261	260	260	1,500	1,360	1,500	392	354	390
PA	581	588	585	1,630	1,430	1,600	947	841	936
TX	309	311	312	1,605	1,450	1,650	496	451	515
VT	154	152	151	1,530	1,370	1,530	236	208	231
VA	120	118	118	1,450	1,210	1,370	174	143	162
WA	247	248	248	1,930	1,750	1,960	477	434	486
WI	1,276	1,265	1,263	1,510	1,370	1,540	1,927	1,733	1,945
20 STS	7,745	7,810	7,812	1,654	1,484	1,664	12,810	11,588	12,996

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 for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 105,000 on April 1, 2003 compared to inventory of one month ago of 112,000 and the total one year ago of 113,000 head. The decreases were comparable to decreases reported in the U.S. inventory for the same time periods. Placements during March 2003 totaled 16,000 head compared to 11,000 in February 2003. Marketings also increased to 22,000 head over the previous month's total of 12,000 head. Other disappearance remained at 1,000.

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 10.70 million head on April 1, 2003. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 2.04 million, 5 percent above 2002 and 11 percent above 2001. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.80 million, 1 percent below 2002 and 6 percent below 2001. Other disappearance totaled 62,000 during March, 10 percent below 2002 and 37 percent below 2001.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots ^{1/}

	Number on Feed			Placed			Marketed			Other Disappearance ^{2/}		
	4/1/02	3/1/03	4/1/03	DURING								
				3/02	2/03	3/03	3/02	2/03	3/03	3/02	2/03	3/03
	-----1,000 Head-----											
AZ	314	279	278	32	22	31	27	31	29	1	3	3
CA	485	470	470	68	54	62	55	56	58	3	3	4
CO	1,120	990	970	200	*160	165	215	*190	180	15	10	5
ID	325	280	280	70	50	58	59	54	57	1	1	1
IA	395	*365	365	49	*63	56	53	56	55	1	2	1
KS	2,420	2,240	2,320	435	410	510	420	370	410	15	20	20
NE	2,300	2,190	2,190	310	330	320	300	350	310	10	10	10
NM	113	112	105	19	11	16	14	12	22	1	1	1
OK	360	320	340	80	46	94	64	55	71	1	1	3
SD	220	215	215	44	40	44	33	39	43	1	1	1
TX	2,900	2,560	2,670	560	370	600	495	395	480	15	15	10
WA	230	180	180	40	31	31	37	30	30	2	1	1
Oth Sts	395	325	320	46	65	55	53	77	58	3	3	2
US	11,577	*10,526	10,703	1,953	*1,652	2,042	1,825	*1,715	1,803	69	71	62

^{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. * Revised.