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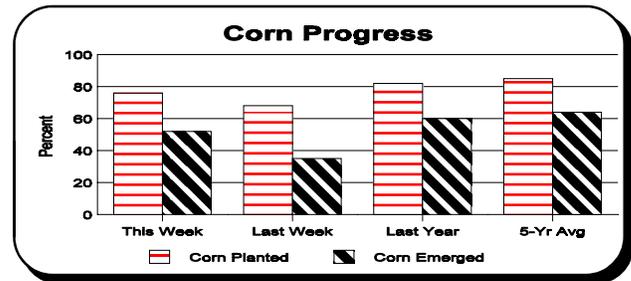
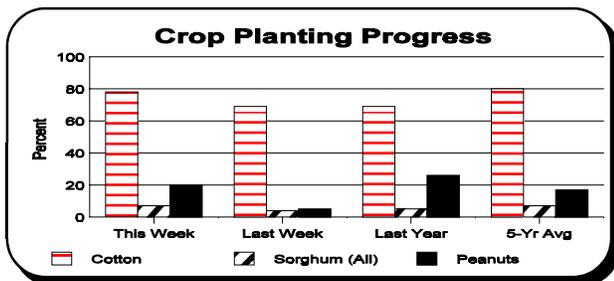
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 18, 2003

NEW MEXICO: There were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Wind damage was 38% light, and 14% moderate. Most of the damage was to milo, corn, peanuts, wheat. The wind also caused some soil erosion. Farmers were busy irrigating, cutting and baling hay, and thinning cotton. Alfalfa remained in mostly fair condition with 66% of the first cutting complete. Total sorghum planted was reported at 7%. Corn was 76% planted and 52% emerged, with conditions reported as 17% poor, 53% fair, 14% good, and 16% excellent. Cotton was 78% planted and listed as 43% fair, 42% good, and 15% excellent. Total winter wheat was 87% headed, with conditions dropping to 50% very poor, 18% poor, 23% fair, and 9% good. The dryland crop continues to suffer from dry conditions combined with strong winds. Lettuce was listed as fair to excellent and made progress with 75% of the harvest complete. Chile conditions were reported as mostly fair to good. Onions were reported as mostly good to excellent with the harvest just beginning. Peanut planting was reported at 20%. Apples were listed between poor and good, with fruit set at 98% light and 2% average. Ranchers spent the week branding, hauling water, and supplementing feed. Livestock conditions continue to drop with cattle reported as 6% very poor, 19% poor, 55% fair, and 20% good. Sheep saw a slight increase with 12% very poor, 17% poor, 50% fair, 20% good, and 1% excellent. Range and pasture conditions showed little improvement at 22% very poor, 44% poor, 33% fair, and 1% good.

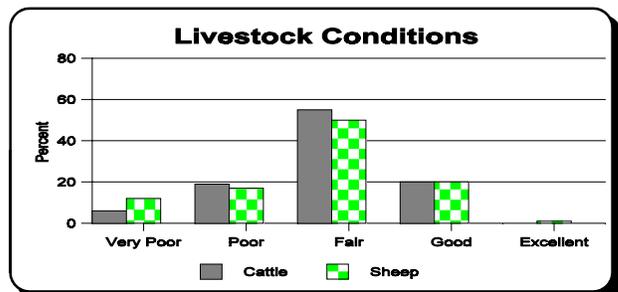
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CORN	Planted	76	68	82	85
	Emerged	52	35	60	64
COTTON	Planted	78	69	69	80
LETTUCE	Harvested	75	58	56	73
ONIONS	Harvested	5	0	0	3
PEANUTS	Planted	20	5	26	17
SORGHUM (ALL)	Planted	7	4	5	7
WHEAT (ALL)	Headed	87	71	89	88



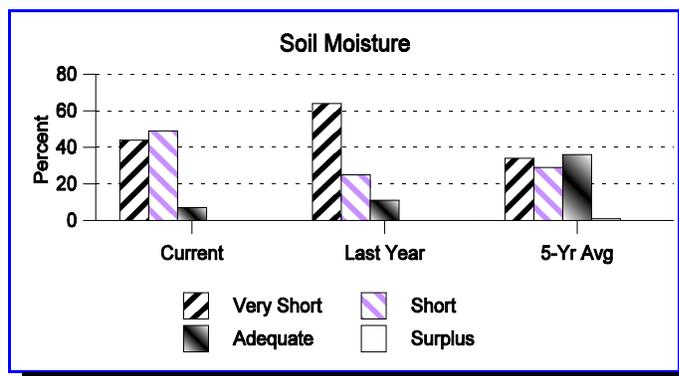
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	15	10	54	17	4
Apples	--	20	60	20	--
Lettuce	--	--	10	14	76
Chile	--	2	11	78	9
Corn	--	17	53	14	16
Cotton	--	--	43	42	15
Onions	--	--	6	60	34
Wheat (All)	50	18	23	9	--
Cattle	6	19	55	20	--
Sheep	12	17	50	20	1
Range/Pasture	22	44	33	1	--



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	50	37	13	--
Northeast	58	40	2	--
Southwest	50	50	--	--
Southeast	21	65	14	--
State	44	49	7	--
State-Last Year	64	25	11	--
State-5-Yr Avg.	34	29	36	1



WEATHER SUMMARY

It was a warm week in New Mexico with above-normal temperatures statewide. Afternoon readings hit 100 degrees on some days at lower elevation stations in the east and south, with Carlsbad and Roswell both hitting 106 on the 18th. A strong storm system brought winds that gusted over 50 mph at many places on the 15th. This system produced localized severe thunderstorms in the extreme northeast, with portions of Union County receiving large hail. Clayton measured 1.37 inches of rain during the storm.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS MAY 12- 18, 2003

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	05/12 05/18	05/01 05/18	Normal May	01/01 05/18	Normal Jan-May
Carlsbad	79.6	106	53	0.00	0.00	1.16	1.34	2.65
Tatum	75.7	102	43	0.00	0.00	2.09	0.49	4.14
Roswell	77.8	106	52	0.00	0.00	1.24	0.71	3.23
Clayton	65.9	90	44	1.37	1.39	1.99	3.10	4.03
Clovis	69.5	93	41	0.00	0.00	1.87	0.82	4.17
Roy	--	--	--	0.00	0.00	1.84	0.75	3.98
Tucumcari	75.2	100	47	0.00	0.00	1.49	2.59	3.49
Chama	50.6	79	25	0.12	0.12	1.11	6.22	7.72
Johnson Ranch	58.1	87	27	0.00	0.00	0.62	2.10	3.09
Capulin	60.1	83	37	0.50	0.50	2.30	2.67	5.16
Las Vegas	63.6	85	36	0.00	0.00	1.68	1.10	3.84
Los Alamos	61.4	78	41	T	0.00	1.17	2.00	5.05
Raton	62.8	87	37	0.02	0.02	2.27	2.41	5.17
Santa Fe	64.9	87	39	0.00	0.00	1.22	2.05	4.09
Red River	50.7	73	23	0.02	0.02	1.77	7.09	7.52
Farmington	63.1	88	38	T	0.01	0.67	1.89	3.15
Gallup	57.5	85	29	T	0.05	0.51	1.54	3.74
Grants	60.0	88	26	0.00	0.00	0.53	1.55	2.48
Silver City	65.9	89	36	0.00	0.00	0.30	1.91	4.20
Quemado	58.1	86	24	0.00	0.00	0.50	2.49	3.45
Albuquerque	70.9	89	49	0.00	0.00	0.50	2.47	2.46
Carrizozo	67.3	93	34	0.00	0.00	0.62	2.05	2.72
Gran Quivera	64.6	87	31	0.00	0.00	0.82	1.54	3.70
Moriarty	63.9	92	28	0.00	0.00	0.97	1.04	3.07
Ruidoso	61.2	83	34	0.00	0.00	0.87	2.53	5.11
Socorro	68.1	94	35	0.00	0.00	0.52	0.76	1.93
Alamogordo	77.9	100	52	0.00	0.00	0.45	1.28	2.38
Animas	75.6	98	49	0.00	0.00	0.18	1.46	2.04
Deming	72.5	98	45	0.00	0.00	0.19	2.01	1.73
T or C	75.6	96	48	0.00	0.00	0.49	1.15	1.89
Las Cruces	73.0	100	37	0.00	0.00	0.29	1.76	1.55

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

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

ANNUAL COTTON GINNINGS

NEW MEXICO: New Mexico produced a total of 99,450 running bales of cotton during the 2002 season, a decrease of 25% from the number of bales produced in 2001. American-Pima production accounted for 15,300 bales, compared to 10,350 bales produced the previous year. The equivalent 480-pound bales totaled 58,850 for all cotton. From this total, 18,100 were American-Pima, an increase of 5,050 bales more than a year earlier.

**Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Produced and Equivalent 480-Pound Bales, Ginned,
By Type, State, and U.S. Crop Years 2001-2002**

Type and State	Running Bales Produced		Equivalent 480-Lb. Bales Ginned	
	2001	2002	2001	2002
All Cotton				
AL	883,050	550,200	941,500	585,050
AZ	685,950	609,500	674,500	615,900
AR	1,803,400	1,628,000	1,818,200	1,655,200
CA	2,328,350	1,995,000	2,439,300	2,080,400
FL ^{1/}	151,700	92,450		69,850
GA	2,163,550	1,532,700	2,220,650	1,595,400
KS ^{1/}	29,150	73,850		70,600
LA	1,014,450	718,650	1,064,200	770,100
MS	2,356,050	1,886,850	2,378,700	1,928,300
MO	681,750	593,500	686,450	595,150
NM	132,600	99,450	71,700	58,850
NC	1,617,200	779,400	1,696,950	809,050
OK	192,800	203,250	199,000	208,600
SC	410,700	127,800	415,650	130,450
TN	953,400	791,650	973,100	813,600
TX	4,170,150	4,936,000	4,358,000	5,127,500
VA	196,950	92,200	181,850	91,450
U.S.	19,771,200	16,710,450	20,298,600	17,205,450
American-Pima				
AZ	14,000	16,600	14,600	17,450
CA	618,000	581,700	638,750	603,050
NM	10,350	15,300	13,050	18,100
TX	35,350	41,400	33,750	39,500
U.S.	677,700	655,000	700,150	678,100

^{1/} Not published to avoid disclosing individual gins, but included in the U.S. totals

QUARTERLY FARM LABOR

NEW MEXICO-ARIZONA: There were 16,000 hired workers on farms and ranches in New Mexico and Arizona (Mountain Region III) during the week of April 6th - 12th, 2003. This was 4,000 less than the corresponding week in April 2002. Hours worked on farms and ranches averaged 47.3 for the region, an increase of 1.1 hours from last April and 7.2 hours higher than the national average of 40.1. Wages paid were down in all categories from last April. All workers received an average of \$7.93 per hour, down 28 cents from last year's \$8.21 and \$1.23 less than the US average of \$9.16.

UNITED STATES: There were 938,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches the week of April 6-12, 2003, down 13 percent from a year ago. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.16 per hour during the April 2003 reference week, up 33 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.40 per hour, up 34 cents from last April, while livestock workers earned \$8.75 per hour compared with \$8.43 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.49 per hour, was up 34 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 40.1 hours for hired workers during the survey week compared with 40.2 hours a year ago.

**Workers on Farms, Hours worked Per Week, and Wage Rates for All Hired Workers,
 Selected Regions and U.S., April 2002-2003 ^{1/}**

	Mountain II ^{2/}		Mountain III ^{3/}		Southern Plains ^{4/}		United States ^{5/}	
	Apr 7-13 2002	Apr 6-12 2003	Apr 7-13 2002	Apr 6-12 2003	Apr 7-13 2002	Apr 6-12 2003	Apr 7-13 2002	Apr 6-12 2003
Workers on Farms	-----Thousands-----							
All Hired Workers	25	22	20	16	60	49	890	781
Hours Worked	-----Hours Per Week-----							
All Hired Workers	37.7	39.1	46.2	47.3	39.6	40.7	40.2	40.1
Wages By Work Type	-----Dollars Per Hour-----							
Field	8.06	8.32	7.51	7.10	6.92	7.62	8.06	8.40
Livestock	8.58	8.86	8.35	8.24	7.78	7.98	8.43	8.75
Field & Livestock	8.26	8.60	7.71	7.52	7.31	7.75	8.15	8.49
All Workers	8.95	9.43	8.21	7.93	7.95	8.31	8.83	9.16

^{1/} Excludes agricultural service workers. ^{2/} Mountain Region II consists of CO, NV & UT. ^{3/} Mountain Region III consists of AZ & NM. ^{4/} Southern Plains region consists of OK & TX. ^{5/} Excludes AK.