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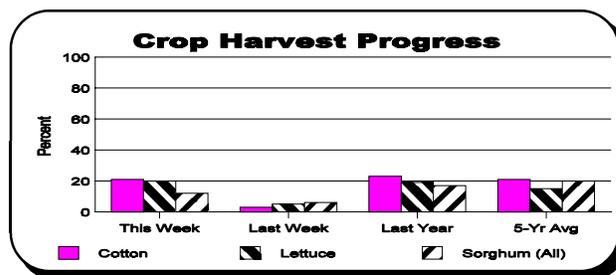
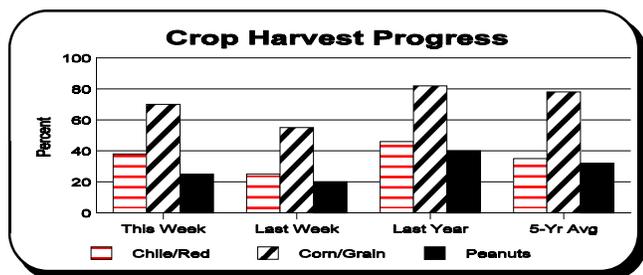
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 19, 2003

NEW MEXICO: There were 7 days suitable for fieldwork. Freeze damage was 3% light and 7% moderate. Farmers spent the week harvesting red chile, beginning the cotton and peanut harvest, irrigating pecan orchards, and maintaining other crops. Alfalfa hay was in very poor to good condition, with the 6th cutting 75% complete and the 7th cutting 20% complete. Cotton bolls are completely opened with the harvest 21% complete and conditions listed as mostly fair to good. Corn for grain was reported as 70% complete. Total sorghum conditions were listed in mostly poor to fair condition with 54% of the crop mature and 12% harvested for grain. Winter wheat was 97% planted with 80% emerged and conditions listed as mostly poor to fair. With the green chile harvest being completed this week, the red chile harvest is in progress with 38% complete and conditions were mostly fair to good. Pecans were reported in mostly good condition with some farmers irrigating. The peanut harvest was 25% complete, lettuce was 20% harvested, and the apple harvest was completed this week. Onions were 85% planted, while starting out in mostly good condition. Ranchers were weaning and selling off calves and purchasing or contracting their winter supply of feed and hay. Cattle were listed as 10% very poor, 15% poor, 37% fair, 21% good, and 17% excellent. Sheep were listed as 16% very poor, 22% poor, 26% fair, 30% good, and 6% excellent. Range and pasture conditions were 47% very poor, 32% poor, 20% fair, and 1% good.

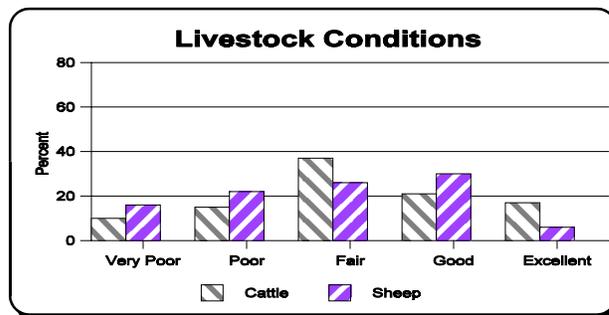
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Harvested-Red	38	25	46	35
CORN	Harvested-Grain	70	55	82	78
COTTON	Harvested	21	3	23	21
LETTUCE	Harvested	20	5	19	15
ONIONS	Planted	85	55	79	75
PEANUTS	Harvested	25	20	40	32
SORGHUM (All)	Mature	54	46	69	77
SORGHUM (All)	Harvested	12	6	17	20
WHEAT (All)	Emerged	80	70	95	78



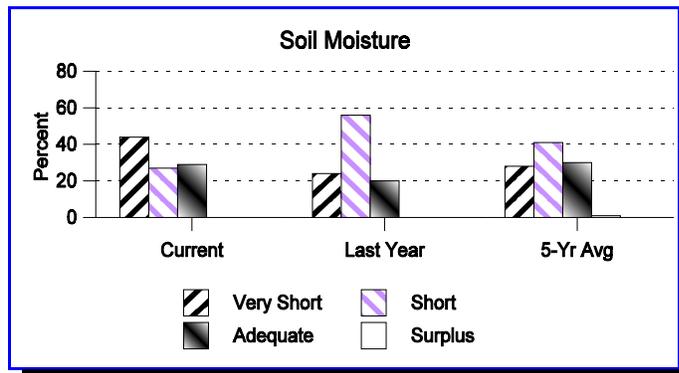
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	14	12	52	18	4
Chile	5	13	15	67	--
Cotton	7	13	39	40	1
Lettuce	--	--	--	75	25
Onions	--	10	20	70	--
Peanuts	--	1	69	29	1
Pecans	--	1	21	72	6
Sorghum (All)	20	38	36	4	2
Wheat (All)	17	43	28	4	8
Cattle	10	15	37	21	17
Sheep	16	22	26	30	6
Range/Pasture	47	32	20	1	--



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	10	45	45	--
Northeast	60	26	14	--
Southwest	100	--	--	--
Southeast	37	21	42	--
State	44	27	29	--
State-Last Year	24	56	20	--
State-5-Yr Avg.	28	41	30	1



WEATHER SUMMARY

It was a dry week in New Mexico with temperatures generally a few degrees above normal. With the dry air, higher-elevation stations experienced temperatures near or below freezing. Extremes for the week ranged from 17 at Chama and Red River to 91 at Roswell. There was no measurable rainfall reported. Socorro and Johnson Ranch temperature data was missing for the week.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS OCTOBER 13 - OCTOBER 19, 2003

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	10/13 10/19	10/01 10/19	Normal Oct	01/01 10/19	Normal Jan-Oct
Carlsbad	67.2	91	46	0.00	0.93	1.05	5.64	11.79
Tatum	64.8	89	43	T	0.37	1.49	5.85	15.02
Roswell	66.1	91	44	T	0.14	1.19	2.79	11.83
Clayton	63.3	87	38	0.00	0.63	0.90	10.73	14.28
Clovis	65.4	86	43	0.00	1.63	1.34	12.92	16.24
Roy	62.5	84	37	0.00	0.46	1.05	6.04	14.79
Tucumcari	64.0	90	37	0.00	0.82	0.94	12.83	13.39
Chama	46.9	78	17	0.00	0.97	1.96	15.26	18.09
Johnson Ranch	--	--	--	0.00	0.15	1.11	6.77	10.16
Capulin	52.4	81	19	T	0.18	0.97	11.03	16.27
Las Vegas	58.1	81	29	0.00	0.48	0.97	5.67	15.82
Los Alamos	56.1	79	32	0.00	0.90	1.32	8.39	16.62
Raton	54.4	84	23	0.00	0.36	0.97	9.24	15.61
Santa Fe	55.6	83	29	0.00	1.18	1.04	6.09	12.58
Red River	46.4	72	17	0.00	1.07	1.46	20.06	18.15
Farmington	56.9	80	33	0.00	0.74	0.85	4.59	7.18
Gallup	54.4	81	24	0.00	0.79	1.29	6.82	10.96
Grants	55.1	82	24	0.00	0.82	1.05	5.23	9.56
Silver City	63.1	84	42	0.00	0.34	1.16	4.59	14.02
Quemado	53.2	79	29	0.00	0.83	1.18	8.36	12.59
Albuquerque	63.9	82	45	0.00	1.58	0.89	5.70	7.95
Carrizozo	61.6	85	38	0.00	1.47	1.19	8.10	11.31
Gran Quivera	59.3	82	34	0.00	0.84	1.27	6.35	14.01
Moriarty	55.0	85	31	0.00	2.06	1.10	7.01	11.77
Ruidoso	55.1	77	33	0.00	1.64	1.31	11.59	18.84
Socorro	--	--	--	0.00	1.67	1.11	4.06	8.48
Alamogordo	66.4	86	46	0.00	0.00	1.30	3.86	11.21
Animas	67.9	87	45	0.00	0.07	1.15	2.09	9.91
Deming	67.5	88	46	0.00	0.65	0.98	4.38	9.09
T or C	67.4	86	47	0.00	0.50	0.95	3.73	8.62
Las Cruces	66.3	90	41	0.00	0.12	0.91	5.39	8.19

(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 September totaled 542 million pounds, a 4.4 percent increase over production in September 2002. Production per cow averaged 1,705 pounds during September, 5 pounds higher than the previous year.

The average number of milk cows on farms for September was 318,000. This was 1,000 head more than the August 2003 total and 13,000 head higher than the average number in September 2002.

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

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 20 major States during September totaled 11.6 billion pounds, down 0.1 percent from September 2002. August revised production, at 12.1 billion pounds, was down 0.9 percent from August 2002. The August revision represented a decrease of 0.1 percent or 17 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,503 pounds for September, 6 pounds more from September 2002.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.74 million head, 38,000 head less than September 2002, and 7,000 head less than August 2003.

Milk Cows and Production: August 2003^{1/} and September 2002-2003

State	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	9/02	8/03	9/03	9/02	8/03	9/03	9/02	8/03	9/03
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	150	150	150	1,660	1,665	1,660	249	250	249
CA	1,658	1,697	1,701	1,700	1,740	1,655	2,819	2,953	2,815
FL	148	140	139	1,050	1,130	1,020	155	158	142
ID	392	411	412	1,730	1,860	1,790	678	764	737
IL	115	108	108	1,365	1,450	1,400	157	157	151
IN	147	143	144	1,375	1,470	1,425	202	210	205
IA	209	200	200	1,425	1,530	1,470	298	306	294
KY	120	112	111	990	975	965	119	109	107
MI	300	298	298	1,605	1,705	1,640	482	508	489
MN	480	470	470	1,340	1,435	1,360	643	674	639
MO	136	128	127	1,050	1,125	1,115	143	144	142
NM	305	317	318	1,700	1,750	1,705	519	555	542
NY	675	675	673	1,455	1,465	1,420	982	989	956
OH	262	260	259	1,360	1,420	1,380	356	369	357
PA	587	571	566	1,460	1,480	1,415	857	845	801
TX	310	312	312	1,255	1,340	1,340	389	418	418
VT	153	147	147	1,400	1,460	1,430	214	215	210
VA	119	113	111	1,225	1,175	1,165	146	133	129
WA	247	244	244	1,855	1,960	1,860	458	478	454
WI	1,268	1,254	1,253	1,405	1,495	1,440	1,782	1,875	1,804
20 STS	7,781	7,750	7,743	1,497	1,563	1,503	11,648	12,110	11,641

1/ Revised. 2/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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CATTLE ON FEED

NEW MEXICO: Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the state for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 123,000 head on October 1, 2003. This was 10,000 over the total number of placements on October 1, 2002. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 16,000 head, a decrease of 7,000 from the previous month's total of 23,000 and 4,000 head below placements during September 2002. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 10,000 while other disappearance for the month was 4,000 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 10.2 million head on October 1, 2003. The inventory was 2 percent below October 1, 2002 and 8 percent below October 1, 2001. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.47 million, 13 percent above 2002 and 16 percent above 2001. Net placements were 2.41 million. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 2.03 million, 10 percent above 2002 and 11 percent above 2001. Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during September, 19 percent above 2002 and 37 percent above 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/}		
	10/1/02	9/1/03	10/1/03	-----DURING-----								
				9/02	8/03	9/03	9/02	8/03	9/03	9/02	8/03	9/03
	-----1,000 Head-----											
AZ	288	274	275	30	28	25	26	23	23	1	2	1
CA	495	*490	485	60	*65	61	52	57	63	3	3	3
CO	1,030	900	950	255	240	255	220	195	200	5	5	5
ID	280	245	270	69	58	82	63	52	56	1	1	1
IA	315	300	310	68	79	80	62	73	69	1	1	1
KS	2,280	2,250	2,300	460	580	530	400	500	465	10	10	15
NE	1,906	1,660	1,830	450	470	520	335	370	345	5	10	5
NM	113	121	123	20	23	16	18	15	10	3	3	4
OK	330	345	350	83	84	81	57	72	73	1	2	3
SD	150	134	145	49	30	49	43	43	37	1	1	1
TX	2,720	2,700	2,720	530	610	620	470	580	580	20	20	20
WA	170	180	190	42	46	53	26	35	41	1	1	2
Oth Sts	285	235	265	72	66	102	76	60	70	1	1	2
US	10,416	*9,834	10,213	2,188	*2,379	2,474	1,848	2,075	2,032	53	60	63

* Revised ^{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.