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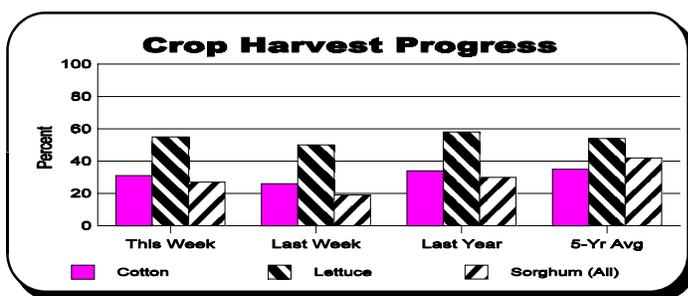
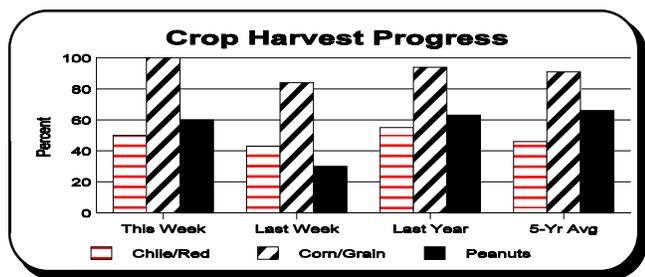
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 2, 2003

NEW MEXICO: There were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Farmers continue to harvest red chile, cotton, and grain sorghum. Some farmers reported their alfalfa hay has died, while others reported conditions of mostly poor to good. The 6th cutting of alfalfa was 96% complete and the 7th cutting 45% complete. With the cotton harvest in progress and 31% harvested, conditions were listed as 4% very poor, 11% poor, 46% fair, 23% good, and 16% excellent. There were reports of cotton looking better than expected and weather conditions were windy and dry. Corn for grain harvesting was completed this week, slightly ahead of the five year average. Total sorghum conditions were in very poor to fair condition and the crop was 65% mature and 27% harvested for grain, both falling short of the five year average. Winter wheat conditions listed as 13% very poor, 21% poor, 45% fair, and 21% good. With the crop completely planted last week the crop was 95% emerged this week. The red chile crop was in mostly poor to good condition and the harvest was 50% complete. Peanuts were 60% harvested and in mostly fair condition and lettuce was 55% harvested. Onions were 95% planted and in mostly good to excellent condition. Ranchers spent the week reducing livestock numbers, weaning calves, and moving cattle to winter pastures. Cattle conditions listed as 9% very poor, 17% poor, 45% fair, 13% good, and 16% excellent. Sheep were listed as 16% very poor, 21% poor, 25% fair, 32% good, and 6% excellent. Range and pasture conditions were 49% very poor, 34% poor, 16% fair, and 1% good.

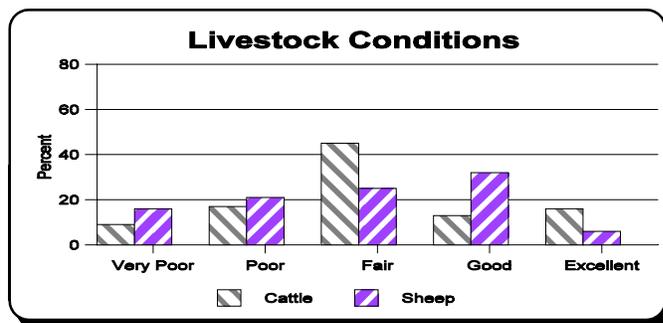
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Harvested-Red	50	43	55	46
CORN	Harvested-Grain	100	84	94	91
COTTON	Harvested	31	26	34	35
LETTUCE	Harvested	55	50	58	54
ONIONS	Planted	95	90	97	91
PEANUTS	Harvested	60	30	63	66
SORGHUM (All)	Mature	65	58	97	94
SORGHUM (All)	Harvested	27	19	30	42
WHEAT (All)	Emerged	95	86	100	98



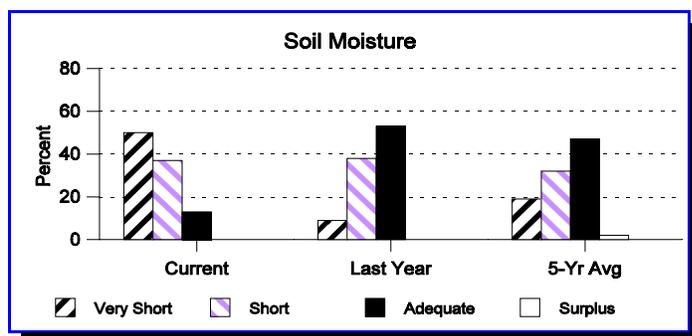
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	6	31	43	16	4
Chile	3	19	19	47	12
Cotton	4	11	46	23	16
Onions	-	-	2	58	40
Peanuts	-	-	84	16	--
Pecans	-	1	36	43	20
Sorghum (All)	35	25	35	5	--
Wheat (All)	13	21	45	21	--
Cattle	9	17	45	13	16
Sheep	16	21	25	32	6
Range/Pasture	49	34	16	1	--



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	17	57	26	--
Northeast	58	32	10	--
Southwest	100	—	—	--
Southeast	29	54	17	--
State	50	37	13	--
State-Last Year	9	38	53	--
State-5-Yr Avg.	19	32	47	2



WEATHER SUMMARY

A warm and breezy week was reported across the state with only a few stations along the northern border showing any measurable rainfall. Temperatures averaged well above normal even in the east where a mid and late week intrusion of cool air lowered the temperatures considerably with Clayton reporting a high of 91 on Wednesday followed by only 51 on Thursday and 46 on Friday.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS OCTOBER 27 - NOVEMBER 2, 2003

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	10/27 11/02	11/01 11/02	Normal Nov	01/01 11/02	Normal Jan-Nov
Carlsbad	66.5	88	36	0.00	0.00	0.59	5.77	12.38
Tatum	63.1	86	34	0.00	0.00	0.55	5.85	15.57
Roswell	65.1	89	36	T	0.00	0.55	2.79	12.38
Clayton	53.8	91	28	0.00	0.00	0.52	10.73	14.80
Clovis	64.3	86	42	0.00	0.00	0.73	12.92	16.97
Roy	59.4	80	40	0.00	0.00	0.50	6.04	15.29
Tucumcari	59.0	87	34	0.00	0.00	0.51	12.83	13.90
Chama	41.6	67	17	0.12	0.12	1.72	15.38	19.81
Johnson Ranch	46.1	72	21	0.00	0.00	0.69	6.77	10.85
Capulin	48.4	77	25	0.00	0.00	0.67	11.03	16.94
Las Vegas	52.5	79	27	0.00	0.00	0.67	5.67	16.49
Los Alamos	50.2	70	33	0.00	0.00	1.02	8.39	17.64
Raton	51.2	80	26	T	0.00	0.61	9.24	16.22
Santa Fe	50.1	73	23	0.00	0.00	0.63	6.09	13.21
Red River	44.1	62	18	T	0.00	1.18	20.10	19.33
Farmington	54.4	76	29	0.04	0.04	0.94	4.63	8.12
Gallup	51.2	72	19	T	0.00	0.95	6.82	11.91
Grants	50.4	74	23	0.00	0.00	0.58	5.23	10.14
Silver City	54.6	77	29	0.00	0.00	0.70	4.59	14.72
Quemado	47.5	73	17	0.00	0.00	0.45	8.36	13.04
Albuquerque	58.2	76	34	T	0.00	0.43	5.70	8.38
Carrizozo	56.6	76	24	0.00	0.00	0.76	8.10	12.07
Gran Quivera	54.0	74	28	0.00	0.00	0.91	6.35	14.92
Moriarty	49.9	75	15	0.00	0.00	0.40	7.01	12.17
Ruidoso	52.7	71	26	0.00	0.00	0.88	11.65	19.72
Socorro	54.4	79	25	0.00	0.00	0.47	4.06	8.95
Alamogordo	62.5	82	32	0.00	0.00	0.71	3.86	11.92
Animas	63.0	82	31	0.00	0.00	0.71	2.09	10.62
Deming	60.0	81	29	0.00	0.00	0.64	4.38	9.73
T or C	61.5	84	34	0.00	0.00	0.60	3.73	9.22
Las Cruces	58.1	83	28	0.00	0.00	0.53	5.39	8.72

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

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

AGRICULTURAL PRICES RECEIVED

NEW MEXICO: Prices received in New Mexico for October 2003 for Alfalfa were \$133.00 per ton, a decrease of \$7.00 from the previous month and \$11.00 less than the price of \$144.00 per ton received in October 2002. Prices for All Hay in October 2003 were \$130.00 per ton compared to \$137.00 in September and \$140.00 the previous year. Cow prices dropped \$4.00 to \$42.20 per hundredweight, while steer and heifer prices increased to \$92.90 from \$92.80 the previous month. Calf prices in October averaged \$109.00 per hundredweight, \$2.00 over the previous month's price of \$107.00. Milk cow replacement prices were \$1,430.00 per hundredweight compared to the October 2002 price of \$1,550.00. The October price was \$60.00 above the national average of \$1,370.00 per hundredweight. Milk prices for the month of October were \$14.40 per hundredweight. This was a \$0.40 increase over the previous month's price but still \$0.40 below the U.S. average.

Prices Received by Farmers: Selected Commodities, September 2003 and October 2002-03

Commodity	Unit	New Mexico			U.S.
		Oct. 2002 ^{2/}	Sept. 2003 ^{2/}	Oct. 2003 ^{1/}	Oct. ^{1/}
-----Dollars-----					
CROPS					
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	-	-	-	3.72
Cotton, Upland	Lb.	-	-	-	0.614
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	4.49
Hay, all baled	Ton	140.00	137.00	130.00	84.40
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	144.00	140.00	133.00	88.80
Peanuts ^{5/}	Lb.	-	-	-	0.177
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	2.02
Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	3.23
LIVESTOCK					
Sheep ^{3/}	Cwt.	-	-	-	32.10
Lambs ^{3/}	Cwt.	-	-	-	94.70
Cows	Cwt.	35.80	46.20	42.20	44.70
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	79.00	92.80	92.90	97.40
Calves	Cwt.	91.40	107.00	109.00	112.00
Milk Cow Replacement ^{4/}	Head	1,550.00	-	1,430.00	1,370.00
Milk	Cwt.	12.10	14.00	14.40	14.80

^{1/} Mid-month ^{2/} Entire month ^{3/} September - entire month ^{4/} Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July, and October. ^{5/} Based on sales through first half of month.

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Wheat: All wheat production is forecast at 2.29 billion bushels, 42% above 2002. The World Agricultural Outlook Board (WAOB) projected 2003/04 ending stocks are unchanged from last month as a 10 million bushel reduction in imports was offset by reduced food use. The lower projected food use for 2003/04 is in line with a downward adjustment in use for 2002/03 linked to recently released mill grind estimates by the Bureau of Census. The projected price range for 2003/04 is \$3.10 to \$3.50 per bushel compared to \$3.56 for the 2002 crop.

Corn: The September forecast for 2003 corn production is 9.94 billion bushels, down 1% from the August forecast but 10% above last year. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 138.5 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from August but up 8.5 bushels from last year. If realized, both the yield and production would be the second largest on record. WAOB projected U.S. 2003/04 ending stocks are expected to be down 120 million bushels from last month because of lower forecast production. The projected 2003/04 price range for corn is \$2.10 to \$2.50 per bushel compared to \$2.30 for the 2002 crop.

Cotton: The September U.S. cotton production is forecast at 16.9 million 480-pound bales, down 1% from last month and 2% below last year's production. Yield is expected to average 667 pounds per acre, the same as last month. WAOB pro-

jections include lower beginning stocks and higher exports compared with last month. Domestic mill use is unchanged, but exports are raised to a record high 12.0 million bales as reduced foreign crop prospects are raising world import demand. Ending stocks are reduced to 3.8 million bales, down 500,000 bales from last month.

Other Crops: **Grain Sorghum** is forecast at 410 million bushels, down 9% from last month but up 11% from 2001. The **peanut crop**, at 3.99 billion pounds, is up 1% from last month and up 20% from last year.

Cattle: Mid-September **prices** for choice steers (Nebraska direct, 1100-1300 pounds) averaged \$93 per cwt, up \$13 from mid-August. Feeder steer prices (Oklahoma City, medium-large frame, 750-800 pounds) were \$104 per cwt, up \$13 from a month ago.

Other Livestock: August **milk production** was down 0.8% from the previous year. Production per cow was down 0.4% from last year, and the number of cows decreased 0.3% from a year ago. The **cheddar cheese price** (U.S. 40 pound blocks, wholesale) was up the first two weeks of September. Total **cheese** production reported for the month of July, 2003 was 2.9% above the previous year. **Butter** production during this same time period was 16.1% below the previous July. **Nonfat** dry milk production was down 7.4% from the previous year. US table **egg production** during August 2003 totaled 6.24 billion, down slightly from August 2002. Wholesale market **egg prices** for the third quarter of 2003 (Grade A large, New York) are expected to average 87-88 cents per dozen, compared with 65.3 cents a year ago. Fourth quarter 2003 egg prices are expected to average 88-92 cents per dozen, compared with 75.5 cents a year earlier. **Broiler**-type chicks hatched during August 2003 totaled 783 million, up slightly from last year. Weekly Broiler-Type Placements in 19 selected states for the week ending Sep 13, 2003, were 169 million, down 1% from a year ago. The wholesale 12-city average price for whole **broilers** for the third quarter of 2003 is expected to be 63-64 cents, compared with 56.4 cents from the third quarter of last year. Fourth quarter 2003 broiler prices are expected to average 60-64 cents per pound, compared with the 53.7 cents for a year earlier. **Turkey** poult placements in August 2003, at 24.0 million, were down 4% from last August. Cumulative placement for the 2003 marketing year are 293 million poult, down 1% from a year ago. Prices (8-16 lb. hens, Eastern Region) for the third quarter of 2003 are expected to be 58-59 cents compared with 66.7 cents for the third quarter last year. **Turkey** prices for the fourth quarter of 2003 are expected to average 62-66 cents per pound, compared with the 68.2 cents average for the fourth quarter of 2002. **Supplies in refrigerated warehouses** at the end of August 2003 compared with a year earlier were: total chicken, down 25%; turkey, up 4%; pork, down 8%; bellies, up 26%; beef, down 19%; frozen orange juice, down slightly; butter, up 12% and American cheese, down 5%.