



New Mexico Agricultural
Statistics Service

Weekly Ag Update

Issue 53-52

1-800-530-8810

e-mail: nass-nm@nass.usda.gov

December 22, 2003

INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE

Weather Summary Milk Production Cattle on Feed

Available on Internet at: www.nass.usda.gov/nm OR by e-mail (call 1-800-530-8810 for information)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Temperatures saw several large day to day swings which were masked by weekly averages of 3-8 degrees above normal across the eastern plains and northwest districts. Moisture was limited to light snow amounts along the northern border and to a few other showers that reached the central counties as weak upper level disturbances moved over the state.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS DECEMBER 15 - 21, 2003

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	12/15 12/21	12/1 12/21	Normal Dec	01/01 12/21	Normal Jan-Dec
Carlsbad	44.6	78	18	T	0.02	0.41	6.60	12.79
Tatum	42.1	74	22	0.00	0.01	0.48	7.28	16.05
Roswell	42.7	77	18	0.00	0.02	0.55	--	12.93
Clayton	41.4	71	15	0.02	0.16	0.29	12.13	15.09
Clovis	43.2	72	19	0.00	0.05	0.54	12.81	17.51
Roy	39.4	65	16	0.00	0.00	0.45	7.05	15.74
Tucumcari	42.9	73	19	0.00	0.08	0.27	12.88	14.17
Chama	25.6	56	-14	0.13	0.30	1.80	20.50	21.61
Johnson Ranch	30.9	60	1	0.00	0.12	0.67	10.38	11.52
Capulin	30.1	63	-2	0.18	0.39	0.48	12.06	17.42
Las Vegas	37.7	65	7	T	0.01	0.47	7.06	16.96
Los Alamos	32.0	50	10	T	0.16	1.08	9.78	18.72
Raton	32.0	62	-2	T	0.09	0.58	9.23	16.80
Santa Fe	31.8	55	10	0.00	0.26	0.77	7.04	13.98
Red River	23.4	50	-7	0.11	0.90	1.16	20.13	20.49
Farmington	31.4	55	8	0.15	0.29	0.50	6.75	8.62
Gallup	31.6	60	7	T	0.38	0.96	9.43	12.87
Grants	32.4	63	9	0.00	0.31	0.66	6.72	10.80
Silver City	36.9	66	13	0.00	0.29	1.20	6.95	15.92
Quemado	34.1	63	0	0.00	0.00	1.02	9.82	14.06
Albuquerque	36.0	52	17	T	0.11	0.50	6.35	8.88
Carrizozo	32.2	64	8	0.00	0.00	0.76	8.91	12.83
Gran Quivera	37.2	60	10	0.00	0.03	1.10	11.39	16.02
Moriarty	33.0	60	9	0.00	0.10	0.54	8.03	12.71
Ruidoso	37.2	64	8	0.00	0.30	1.63	13.49	21.35
Socorro	35.6	58	9	0.00	0.00	0.58	5.01	9.53
Alamogordo	41.0	70	16	0.00	0.00	0.82	5.88	12.74
Animas	--	--	--	0.00	0.06	1.08	3.49	11.70
Deming	39.1	69	14	0.00	0.06	0.85	6.51	10.58
T or C	40.4	67	21	0.00	0.00	1.07	5.35	10.29
Las Cruces	40.1	61	13	0.00	0.00	0.68	5.51	9.40

(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 November totaled 534 million pounds compared to 503 million pounds one year ago. Production per cow increased to an average of 1,670 pounds, 20 pounds above production of November 2002. Number of milk cows on farms averaged 320,000 in November, 15,000 head higher than the average of 305,000 head one year ago. New Mexico continues to rank 7th in the nation in total milk production.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 20 major States during November totaled 11.6 billion pounds, down 0.2 percent from November 2002. October revised production, at 12.0 billion pounds, was down 0.1 percent from October 2002. The October revision represented an increase of 0.1 percent or 13 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,509 pounds for November, 13 pounds above November 2002. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.71 million head, 82,000 head less than November 2002, and 10,000 head less than October 2003.

Milk Cows and Production: October 2003^{1/} and November 2002-2003

State	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	11/02	10/03	11/03	11/02	10/03	11/03	11/02	10/03	11/03
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	150	150	150	1,800	1,790	1,835	270	269	275
CA	1,669	1,703	1,706	1,685	1,705	1,655	2,812	2,904	2,823
FL	147	140	140	1,155	1,105	1,130	170	155	158
ID	390	412	412	1,690	1,820	1,740	659	750	717
IL	115	108	108	1,420	1,470	1,450	163	159	157
IN	147	144	143	1,420	1,490	1,460	209	215	209
IA	208	198	197	1,470	1,520	1,490	306	301	294
KY	120	111	111	1,020	1,035	1,025	122	115	114
MI	301	297	298	1,610	1,690	1,635	485	502	487
MN	480	465	465	1,380	1,410	1,400	662	656	651
MO	135	126	125	1,125	1,200	1,190	152	151	149
NM	305	318	320	1,650	1,745	1,670	503	555	534
NY	678	665	658	1,410	1,455	1,405	956	968	924
OH	261	259	258	1,350	1,420	1,380	352	368	356
PA	591	562	560	1,460	1,455	1,420	863	818	795
TX	310	311	311	1,345	1,450	1,460	417	451	454
VT	153	147	146	1,380	1,450	1,415	211	213	207
VA	119	110	109	1,235	1,235	1,225	147	136	134
WA	247	244	244	1,800	1,890	1,795	445	461	438
WI	1,266	1,250	1,249	1,385	1,465	1,410	1,753	1,831	1,761
20 STS	7,792	7,720	7,710	1,496	1,552	1,509	11,657	11,978	11,637

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 the slaughter market in New Mexico for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 121,000. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 22,000 compared to placements of one year ago of 18,000. Marketings of fed cattle totaled 17,000 head compared to 11,000 in November 2002. Other disappearance totaled 2,000 head during the month of November.

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 11.3 million head on December 1, 2003. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.93 million, 3 percent below 2002 but 1 percent above 2001. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.54 million, 11 percent below 2002 and 15 percent below 2001. Other disappearance totaled 97,000 during November, 8 percent above 2002 and 21 percent above 2001.

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

State	Number on Feed			Placed			Marketed			Other Disappearance ^{2/}		
	12/1/02	11/1/03	12/1/03	-----DURING-----								
				11/02	10/03	11/03	11/02	10/03	11/03	11/02	10/03	11/03
	-----1,000 Head-----											
AZ	295	278	284	32	26	26	24	22	19	3	1	1
CA	500	495	500	65	68	62	50	54	52	5	4	5
CO	1,070	1,050	1,060	190	270	185	170	160	165	10	10	10
ID	300	295	310	60	88	64	53	60	47	2	3	2
IA	350	350	370	80	113	77	63	72	56	2	1	1
KS	2,300	2,430	2,480	420	570	425	395	410	350	25	30	25
NE	2,180	2,140	2,280	410	640	410	330	320	260	10	10	10
NM	123	118	121	18	19	22	11	20	17	1	4	2
OK	340	350	350	55	78	56	53	74	51	2	4	5
SD	195	177	200	56	68	54	30	34	30	1	2	1
TX	2,700	2,840	2,840	470	680	440	475	530	410	25	30	30
WA	195	195	205	40	51	46	29	45	35	1	1	1
Oth Sts	350	320	330	81	110	59	48	54	45	3	1	4
US	10,898	11,038	11,330	1,977	2,781	1,926	1,731	1,855	1,537	90	101	97

^{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 hipments to other feedlots for further feeding.



Peace
on
Earth



Christmas scene courtesy of www.Christmaspast.info