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AGRICULTURAL PRICES RECEIVED

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa hay prices in February, at \$138.00 per ton, were \$1.00 above the average price of \$137.00 reported in January 2004. All hay also increased by \$1.00 to 141.00 per ton. Average cow prices in February declined to \$47.00 per hundredweight, a 4.3 percent drop from the \$49.10 received in January but still 18 percent above the \$39.80 received one year ago in February 2003 and \$0.80 above the national average of \$46.20 per hundredweight. Steer and heifer prices also declined, from \$92.00 per hundredweight in January to \$87.50 in February but were \$5.90 above the national average of \$81.60. Calf prices increased by \$0.30 to \$101.00 per hundredweight in February. This was \$6.80 above the price of \$94.20 received one year ago, but \$9.00 below the current national average of \$110.00. Milk prices increased to \$12.80 per hundredweight from the previously reported price of \$12.60. The national average price received for milk in February was \$13.30.

Prices Received by Farmers: Selected Commodities, January 2004 and February 2003-04

Commodity	Unit	New Mexico			U.S. ^{1/}
		Feb 2003 ^{2/}	Jan 2004 ^{2/}	Feb 2004 ^{1/}	Feb
-----Dollars-----					
CROPS					
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	—	—	—	4.58
Cotton, Upland	Lb.	—	—	—	.616
Potatoes	Cwt.	—	—	—	5.62
Hay, all baled	Ton	142.00	137.00	138.00	79.90
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	146.00	140.00	141.00	84.70
Peanuts	Lb.	—	—	—	.213
Corn	Bu.	—	—	—	2.55
Wheat, all	Bu.	—	—	—	3.68
LIVESTOCK					
Sheep ^{3/}	Cwt.	—	—	—	43.80
Lambs ^{3/}	Cwt.	—	—	—	104.00
Cows	Cwt.	39.80	49.10	47.00	46.20
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	80.10	92.00	87.50	81.60
Calves	Cwt.	94.20	99.70	101.00	110.00
Milk	Cwt.	11.00	12.60	12.80	13.30

^{1/} Mid-month ^{2/} Entire month ^{3/} January - entire month

HONEY

NEW MEXICO: Honey production in 2003 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 246,000 pounds compared to 484,000 in 2002. There were 6,000 colonies producing honey in comparison to the 11,000 colonies reported in 2002. Yield per colony averaged 41 pounds, 3 pounds less than the average yield of 44 pounds in 2002. Producer honey stocks were down slightly from 110,000 pounds in 2002 to 108,000 pounds in 2003.

UNITED STATES: Honey production in 2003 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 181 million pounds, up 5 percent from 2002. There were 2.59 million colonies producing honey in 2003, up 1 percent from 2002. Yield per colony averaged 69.9 pounds, up 5 percent from the 66.7 pounds in 2002. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State and yields per colony may therefore be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 40.7 million pounds on December 15, 2003, up 3 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value, Selected States and U.S., 2003 ^{1/}

State	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield Per Colony	Production	Stocks Dec 15 ^{2/}	Average Price Per Pound ^{3/}	Value of Production
	-----1,000-----	----Pounds-----	-----1,000	Pounds-----	----Cents-----	---1,000 Dollars---
AZ	40	72	2,880	1,123	138	3,974
CA	480	67	32,160	6,432	142	45,667
CO	24	86	2,064	722	138	2,848
FL	210	71	14,910	1,491	135	20,129
GA	52	65	3,380	270	128	4,326
ID	100	46	4,600	1,380	135	6,210
IN	5	56	280	78	159	445
IA	32	59	1,888	868	145	2,738
KS	16	57	912	447	158	1,441
KY	5	48	240	14	164	394
LA	34	90	3,060	275	124	3,794
MI	65	74	4,810	1,732	147	7,071
MN	120	83	9,960	1,892	146	14,542
MO	17	53	901	189	141	1,270
MT	145	66	9,570	1,914	148	14,164
NE	45	74	3,330	1,299	143	4,762
NM	6	41	246	108	116	285
NC	10	44	440	79	190	836
ND	340	87	29,580	6,803	136	40,229
OH	15	50	750	278	143	1,073
OK	3	47	141	69	183	258
OR	42	51	2,142	964	126	2,699
SD	200	70	14,000	2,520	146	20,440
TX	140	67	9,380	1,126	142	13,320
VA	6	37	222	69	169	375
WA	58	56	3,248	942	152	4,937
WV	8	47	376	194	201	756
WI	74	77	5,698	2,678	144	8,205
WY	39	81	3,159	474	140	4,423
Other States	259	65	16,769	4,305	144	24,180
U.S. ^{4/}	2,590	69.9	181,096	40,735	140.4	255,791

^{1/} For producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one state were counted in each State. ^{2/} Stocks held by producers. ^{3/} Prices weighted by sales. ^{4/} Total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS

NEW MEXICO: The number of farms and ranches in New Mexico in 2003 is estimated at 17,500. This is 1.1% less than 2002 and 1.7% less than 2001. Total land in farms decreased to 44.7 million acres in 2003, a loss of 100,000 acres from the previous two years. The decline in the number of farms and land in farms continues to reflect consolidation in farming operations and competition for agricultural land for other uses.

UNITED STATES: The number of farms in the United States in 2003 is estimated at 2.13 million, 0.4 percent fewer than in 2002. The decline in farms occurred in all sales categories except the \$250,000-\$499,999 class which remained unchanged. Total land in farms, at 938.8 million acres, decreased 1,550,000 acres from 2002. The average size farm during 2003 was 441 acres, an increase of one acre from the previous year.

Farm Numbers and Land in Farms, Selected States, and U.S., 2001-2003

	Farm Numbers			Land in Farms		
	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
	-----Number-----			-----1,000 Acres-----		
AZ ^{1/}	10,400	10,300	10,300	26,700	26,600	26,500
CA	81,000	79,700	78,500	27,800	27,600	27,100
CO	30,900	31,400	31,400	31,400	31,100	31,000
ID	24,500	25,000	25,000	11,800	11,800	11,800
IN	62,100	60,300	59,500	15,100	15,100	15,040
IA	92,000	90,600	90,000	32,000	31,800	31,700
KS	64,500	64,500	64,500	47,300	47,300	47,200
MN	81,000	80,900	80,000	27,800	27,800	27,700
MO	108,000	107,000	106,000	30,200	30,200	30,200
MT	27,800	27,900	28,000	59,600	59,800	60,100
NE	50,000	49,400	48,500	46,000	45,900	45,900
NV	3,050	3,000	3,000	6,300	6,300	6,300
NM ^{1/}	17,800	17,700	17,500	44,800	44,800	44,700
ND	30,600	30,500	30,300	39,400	39,400	39,400
OH	78,000	77,800	77,600	14,680	14,610	14,600
OK	84,000	83,500	83,500	33,800	33,700	33,700
OR	40,000	40,000	40,000	17,200	17,200	17,200
SD	32,000	31,800	31,600	43,900	43,800	43,800
TX	228,600	229,000	229,000	130,700	130,500	130,500
UT	15,500	15,300	15,300	11,600	11,600	11,600
WA	36,500	36,000	35,500	15,400	15,350	15,300
WY	9,200	9,200	9,200	34,500	34,500	34,440
Other States	941,180	934,560	932,660	194,090	193,540	192,970
U.S.	2,148,630	2,135,360	2,126,860	942,070	940,300	938,750

^{1/} Individual farms on American Indian reservation land have been included for Arizona and New Mexico to be consistent with other states having reservation land.

WEATHER SUMMARY

New Mexico experienced an active weather week, with two storm systems passing through the state. The first system produced some of the heaviest precipitation of the season, especially over the central portion of New Mexico. Late in the week, another storm produced mountain snows and some thunderstorms over the south. Great precipitation totals for the week included 2.03 inches at Tatum, 1.10 inches at Albuquerque, and .97 inches at Los Alamos. Las Cruces was the only station in the entire state that did not report any measurable precipitation. Temperatures for the week were generally a few degrees below normal for most of the state.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS FEBRUARY 23 - FEBRUARY 29, 2004

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	02/23 02/29	02/01 02/29	Normal Feb	01/01 02/29	Normal Jan-Feb
Carlsbad	49.6	72	32	0.60	0.79	0.35	0.98	0.70
Tatum	40.8	68	26	2.03	2.17	0.50	2.31	0.89
Roswell	47.6	70	32	0.47	0.50	0.46	0.52	0.89
Clayton	39.4	68	18	0.14	0.14	0.31	0.14	0.55
Clovis	42.8	69	17	0.88	1.16	0.51	1.43	0.90
Tucumcari	40.9	66	13	0.66	0.71	0.45	0.74	0.73
Chama	26.2	49	3	0.48	1.85	1.58	1.98	3.35
Johnson Ranch	32.0	51	10	0.52	0.99	0.57	1.05	1.24
Capulin	33.0	59	11	0.20	0.61	0.56	0.70	0.96
Las Vegas	27.8	43	13	0.27	0.32	0.39	0.32	0.71
Los Alamos	32.7	46	20	0.97	2.23	0.80	2.85	1.66
Raton	32.6	54	15	0.49	0.80	0.54	0.83	1.01
Santa Fe	34.8	56	15	0.25	0.40	0.69	0.44	1.32
Red River	27.8	46	5	0.20	1.95	1.22	2.46	2.29
Farmington	39.6	59	24	0.70	1.07	0.57	1.07	1.16
Gallup	35.0	60	17	0.43	0.50	0.74	0.50	1.54
Grants	34.4	61	17	0.23	0.36	0.51	0.39	1.00
Silver City	40.3	60	26	0.34	1.39	1.25	1.39	2.41
Quemado	30.2	58	12	0.77	1.00	0.72	1.02	1.55
Albuquerque	41.7	63	30	1.10	1.18	0.46	1.18	0.90
Carrizozo	40.3	65	23	0.43	0.69	0.57	0.74	1.17
Gran Quivera	33.4	59	20	0.65	0.65	0.82	0.65	1.52
Moriarty	33.0	57	11	0.44	0.85	0.48	1.01	0.91
Ruidoso	36.0	57	20	0.34	1.03	1.16	1.12	2.28
Socorro	41.7	70	21	0.18	0.24	0.39	0.29	0.78
Alamogordo	46.6	69	29	0.54	0.63	0.54	0.63	1.21
Animas	48.1	72	29	0.61	1.16	0.51	1.16	1.19
Deming	43.5	69	28	0.54	0.68	0.46	0.68	1.02
T or C	43.6	65	26	0.01	0.02	0.38	0.03	0.84
Las Cruces	46.9	72	30	T	0.00	0.37	0.00	0.83

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

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