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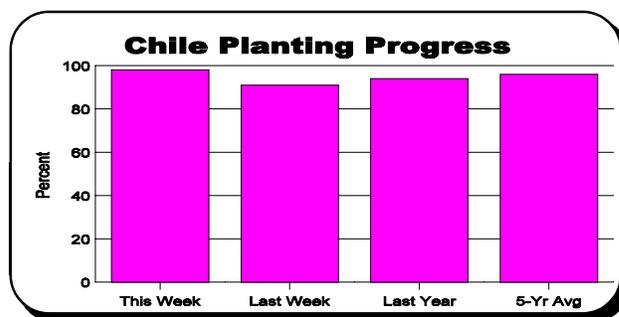
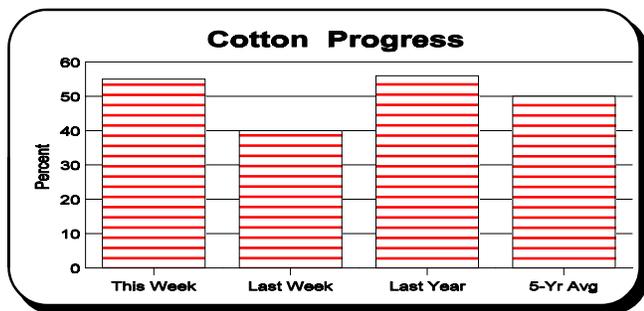
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**CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 2, 2004**

**NEW MEXICO:** There were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Farmers spent the week harvesting alfalfa, planting cotton, corn, and chile. There was 26% light wind damage, 9% moderate, and 1% severe damage. Alfalfa conditions were 53% fair, 45% good, and 2% excellent with 29% of the first cutting complete. Cotton was 55% planted and corn was 52% planted, both slightly above the five year average with corn being 10% emerged. Winter wheat conditions were 8% very poor, 7% poor, 34% fair, 42% good, and 9% excellent, with 45% reported headed. Lettuce was reported in mostly fair to excellent condition. Onion condition was listed in mostly fair to excellent condition. Chile conditions were 7% poor, 42% fair, and 51% good with planting getting close to complete at 98% planted. Apples condition was listed in mostly fair to good condition with 17% light fruit set and 83% average. Ranchers spent the week supplemental feeding and maintaining herds and water. Cattle conditions were 7% poor, 46% fair, 45% good, and 2% excellent. Sheep conditions were 2% very poor, 17% poor, 69% fair, and 12% good. Range and pasture conditions were 14% very poor, 29% poor, 50% fair, and 7% good.

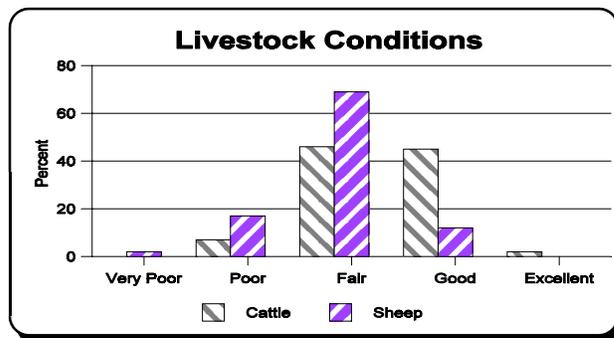
**CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS**

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
<b>CORN</b>	Planted	52	33	49	49
<b>CORN</b>	Emerged	10	2	16	19
<b>COTTON</b>	Planted	55	40	56	50
<b>CHILE</b>	Planted	98	91	94	96
<b>WHEAT (ALL)</b>	Headed	45	27	44	40



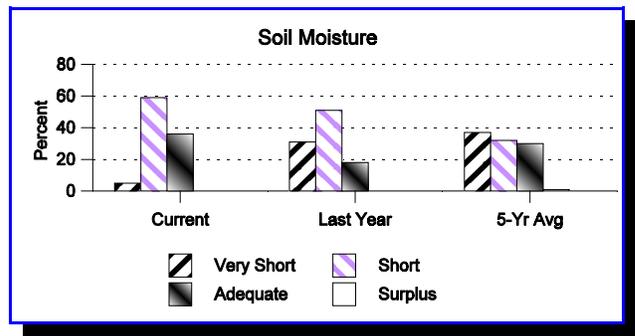
**CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	—	—	53	45	2
Apples	—	7	30	63	—
Lettuce	—	—	25	53	22
Onions	—	2	31	54	13
Wheat (All)	8	7	34	42	9
Cattle	—	7	46	45	2
Sheep	2	17	69	12	—
Range/Pasture	14	29	50	7	—



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	3	37	59	1
Northeast	--	80	20	--
Southwest	--	100	--	--
Southeast	15	44	41	--
State	5	59	36	--
State-Last Year	31	51	18	--
State-5-Yr Avg.	37	32	30	1



WEATHER SUMMARY

Most of New Mexico experienced a dry week with temperatures a few degrees below normal. A cold front late in the week brought some light snow to the northern mountains and early morning freezing temperatures to portions of the Rio Grande Valley. Precipitation for the week was generally light and mainly confined to the northeast quarter of the state. Raton was the big winner with .83" while Red River (.41") and Des Moines (.33") were the only other spots that measured over a quarter of an inch.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS APRIL 26 - MAY 2, 2004

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	04/26 05/02	05/01 05/02	Normal May	01/01 05/02	Normal Jan-May
Carlsbad	63.5	84	40	T	0.00	1.16	6.49	2.65
Tatum	58.9	81	38	0.00	0.00	2.09	7.92	4.14
Roswell	61.5	82	40	0.04	0.00	1.24	5.16	3.23
Clayton	53.3	79	35	0.13	0.00	1.99	6.40	4.03
Clovis	57.4	81	35	0.17	0.00	1.87	6.88	4.17
Tucumcari	57.0	82	35	0.11	0.00	1.49	5.09	3.49
Chama	41.9	68	17	0.15	0.00	1.11	7.18	7.72
Johnson Ranch	49.4	73	23	0.00	0.00	0.62	7.40	3.09
Capulin	45.6	72	25	0.33	0.00	2.30	4.27	5.16
Las Vegas	49.2	73	29	0.24	0.00	1.68	2.64	3.84
Los Alamos	48.9	68	28	T	0.00	1.17	6.50	5.05
Raton	47.9	76	29	0.83	0.00	2.27	5.25	5.17
Santa Fe	50.1	75	24	T	0.00	1.22	3.16	4.09
Red River	39.6	62	21	0.41	0.00	1.77	9.17	7.52
Farmington	53.5	79	32	0.01	0.00	0.67	3.27	3.15
Gallup	48.0	75	21	0.12	0.00	0.51	2.49	3.74
Grants	49.3	75	25	0.01	0.00	0.53	2.70	2.48
Silver City	54.1	74	33	0.00	0.00	0.30	5.15	4.20
Quemado	47.8	73	23	T	0.00	0.50	2.22	3.45
Albuquerque	57.9	78	41	T	0.00	0.50	4.94	2.46
Carrizozo	--	--	--	0.00	0.00	0.62	3.17	2.72
Gran Quivera	52.9	74	29	0.00	0.00	0.82	4.22	3.70
Moriarty	49.6	80	24	T	0.00	0.97	3.74	3.07
Ruidoso	49.6	68	27	0.22	0.00	0.87	5.96	5.11
Socorro	57.1	79	31	0.00	0.00	0.52	4.06	1.93
Alamogordo	62.6	80	45	0.00	0.00	0.45	3.63	2.38
Animas	62.6	80	41	0.00	0.00	0.18	5.10	2.04
Deming	62.6	82	43	T	0.00	0.19	4.04	1.73
T or C	61.1	80	42	0.00	0.00	0.49	2.30	1.89
Las Cruces	64.0	82	41	0.02	0.00	0.29	3.50	1.55

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

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

## AGRICULTURAL PRICES RECEIVED

**NEW MEXICO:** Alfalfa hay prices in April averaged \$141.00 per ton compared to \$146.00 at this same time last year. The average U.S. price was \$92.70. All hay prices in April averaged \$138.00 compared to \$142.00 in April 2003. The average U.S. price in April was \$89.60. Cow prices in the state increased by \$1.40 to \$49.40 per hundredweight, \$0.40 above the U.S. average of \$49.00 per hundredweight. Steer and Heifer prices increased from \$93.50 in March 2004 to \$94.10 in April. This was \$4.40 above the national average of \$89.70. Calf prices at \$113.00 were \$2.00 above the previous months' price of \$111.00, but below the national average of \$116.00. Prices for milk cow replacements averaged \$1,590 in April. The U.S. average for milk cow replacements in April was \$1,580. Milk prices went up by \$1.60 cents to \$16.00 and were \$2.00 below the national average of \$18.00.

**Prices Received by Farmers: Selected Commodities, March 2004 and April 2003-04**

Commodity	Unit	New Mexico			U.S. <sup>1/</sup>
		Apr 2003 <sup>2/</sup>	Mar 2004 <sup>2/</sup>	Apr 2004 <sup>1/</sup>	Apr
-----Dollars-----					
<b>CROPS</b>					
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	-	-	-	4.96
Cotton, Upland	Lb.	-	-	-	.595
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	7.19
Hay, all baled	Ton	142.00	139.00	138.00	89.60
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	146.00	142.00	141.00	92.70
Peanuts	Lb.	-	-	-	.176
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	2.87
Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	3.82
<b>LIVESTOCK</b>					
Sheep <sup>3/</sup>	Cwt.	-	-	-	36.70
Lambs <sup>3/</sup>	Cwt.	-	-	-	104.00
Cows	Cwt.	41.70	48.00	49.40	49.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	77.70	93.50	94.10	89.70
Calves	Cwt.	95.10	111.00	113.00	116.00
Milk Cow Replacement <sup>4/</sup>	Head	1,350	-	1,590	1,580
Milk	Cwt.	10.50	14.40	16.00	18.00

<sup>1/</sup> Mid-month. <sup>2/</sup> Entire month. <sup>3/</sup> March - entire month. <sup>4/</sup> Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published Jan., Apr., Jul. an Oct.

**ANNUAL MILK PRODUCTION AND DISPOSITION**

**NEW MEXICO:** Number of milk cows on farms in 2003 increased to 317,000 from 301,000 head in 2002. Total milk production in New Mexico jumped by 5.5 percent to 6.7 billion pounds while rate per cow increased slightly to 21,028 pounds compared to the previous year's total of 20,983 pounds. Whole milk sold to plants and dealers also increased by a 5.3 percent margin to 6.6 billion pounds from 6.3 billion pounds in 2002. Prices increased slightly during the year as did production which has been climbing for several years in a row. The price of milk per hundredweight climbed from \$11.90 in 2002 to \$12.00 in 2003. Cash receipts from marketings in 2003 were \$790 million compared to \$744 million in 2002 while producer gross income was \$792 million in 2003 compared to \$746 million in 2002.

**UNITED STATES:** Milk production increased 0.1 percent in 2003 to 170.3 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 18,749 pounds, was 141 pounds above 2002. The annual average number of milk cows on farms, at 9.08 million head, was 55,000 head less than 2002. Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2003 totaled \$21.2 billion, 3 percent above 2002. Producer returns averaged \$12.55 per hundredweight, 3 percent above 2002. Marketings totaled 169 billion pounds, 0.2 percent above 2002. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers as well as milk sold directly to consumers. An estimated 1.14 billion pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 0.4 percent less than 2002. Calves were fed 86 percent of this milk, with the remainder consumed in producer households.

**Milk Production, Disposition, Price, and Income, Selected States and U.S., 2003 <sup>1/</sup>**

State	Milk Cows on Farms <sup>2/</sup>	Milk Production Per Cow	Total Milk Production	Used on Farms <sup>3/</sup>	Total Milk Marketed <sup>4/</sup>	Price Per 100 Pounds	Cash Receipts from Marketings	Producer Gross Income <sup>5/</sup>
	1,000 Head	Pounds	-----Million Pounds-----			Dollars	-----1,000 Dollars-----	
CA	1,688	20,993	35,437	37	35,400	11.38	4,028,520	4,029,089
ID	404	21,718	8,774	35	8,739	11.50	1,004,985	1,005,330
MI	302	21,060	6,360	60	6,300	12.60	793,800	794,430
MN	473	17,459	8,258	100	8,158	12.80	1,044,224	1,044,864
NM	317	21,028	6,666	82	6,584	12.00	790,080	792,480
NY	671	17,812	11,952	47	11,905	13.10	1,559,555	1,559,817
PA	575	17,979	10,338	11	10,327	14.00	1,445,780	1,445,920
TX	319	17,649	5,630	19	5,611	13.00	729,430	729,690
WA	245	22,780	5,581	29	5,552	12.10	671,792	672,034
WI	1,256	17,728	22,266	264	22,002	12.90	2,838,258	2,842,128
U.S.	9,084	18,749	170,312	1,114	169,198	12.55	21,227,695	21,246,952

<sup>1/</sup> May not add due to rounding. <sup>2/</sup> Average number during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh. <sup>3/</sup> Include milk fed to calves and used for milk, cream and butter. <sup>4/</sup> Milk sold to plants and dealers as whole milk equivalent amounts of milk for cream. Includes milk produced by dealers' own herds and small amounts sold directly to consumers. Also includes milk produced by institutional herds. <sup>5/</sup> Cash receipts from marketings of milk and cream plus value of milk used for human consumption.