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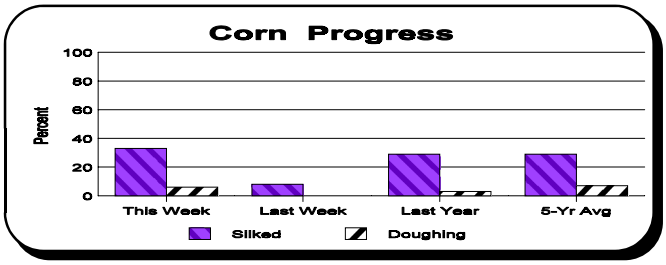
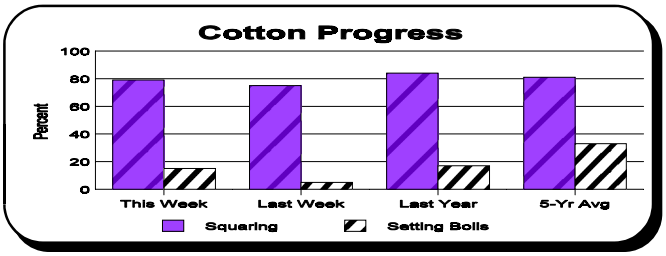
CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 11, 2004

NEW MEXICO: There were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 22% very short, 37% short, 39% adequate, and 2% surplus. Farmers were busy irrigating, spraying weeds, harvesting wheat and onions, maintaining other crops, and cutting and baling alfalfa. General crop conditions were not affected by wind with only 7% light and 6% moderate damage reported. Alfalfa was reported as mostly fair to good, with the 2nd cutting almost complete at 96%, the 3rd making good progress at 48% , and the 4th getting underway with 5% cut. Cotton was listed as 46% fair, 48% good, and 5% excellent. The crop was at 15% setting bolls and 79% squaring. Corn was in mostly fair to good condition with 33% silking and 6% doughing. Sorghum was reported in mostly fair condition, with 88% of the total crop planted. All remaining planting will be dryland. Winter wheat progress is approaching the five year average with 92% of the crop reported harvested. Peanuts were in fair to good condition and 50% were pegging. Pecans were mostly fair to excellent, with nut set still mostly average. Chile conditions were listed as fair to good. Onions were listed as fair to excellent with 74% harvested. Ranchers spent the week maintaining herds and waters, and providing supplemental feeding. Cattle conditions improved slightly with reports indicating 6% very poor, 7% poor, 33% fair, 35% good, and 19% excellent. Sheep conditions improved to 9% very poor, 10% poor, 28% fair, 50% good, and 3% excellent. Recent moisture has benefitted range and pasture conditions with 22% reported very poor, 20% poor, 35% fair, 22% good, and 1% excellent.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

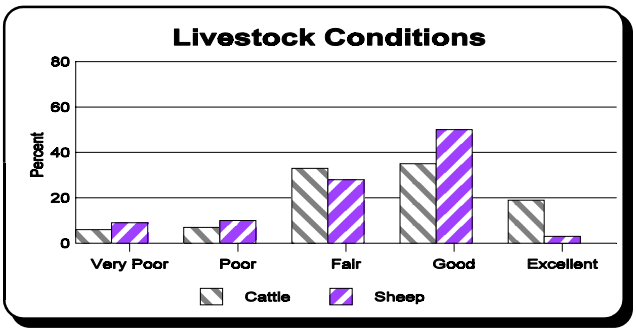
CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CORN	Silked	33	8	29	29
CORN	Doughing	6	N/A	3	7
COTTON	Squaring	79	75	84	81
COTTON	Setting Bolls	15	5	17	33
ONIONS	Harvested	74	70	70	74
PEANUTS	Pegging	50	48	59	41
SORGHUM (ALL)	Planted	88	81	96	93
WHEAT (ALL)	Harvested	92	84	96	97





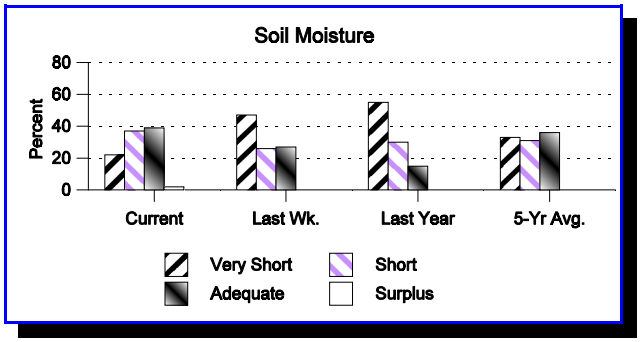
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	–	1	37	48	14
Apples	–	–	100	–	--
Chile	–	–	35	65	–
Corn	–	1	28	70	1
Cotton	–	1	46	48	5
Peanuts	–	–	40	60	--
Pecans	–	5	43	41	11
Sorghum	12	12	60	16	--
Cattle	6	7	33	35	19
Sheep	9	10	28	50	3
Range/Pasture	22	20	35	22	1



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	3	52	45	--
Northeast	12	44	43	1
Southwest	95	5	–	--
Southeast	32	27	37	4
State Current	**22**	**37**	**39**	**2**
State-Last Wk.	47	26	27	--
State-Last Year	55	30	15	--
State-5-Yr Avg.	33	31	36	--



WEATHER SUMMARY

Temperatures for the week were within a few degrees of normal at most locations. Afternoon readings hit 100 degrees on several afternoons at some of the lower elevation spots in the south and east. Afternoon and evening thunderstorms favored the eastern plains and bootheel areas, while the northwest remained dry. Greatest totals for the week were in the northeast, where Des Moines (1.71"), Roy (1.50"), and Tucumcari (1.24") all measured over an inch. Precipitation totals for the year have been updated at many locations using final June data.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS JULY 5 - 11, 2004

	Temperature			Precipitation				
Station	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	07/05 07/11	07/01 07/11	Normal Jul	01/01 07/11	Normal Jan-Jul
Carlsbad	82.4	102	61	0.26	0.34	1.79	9.44	5.74
Tatum	79.0	98	60	0.00	0.04	2.52	10.62	8.69
Roswell	82.0	102	58	T	0.04	1.99	7.63	6.74
Clayton	72.9	96	52	0.61	0.63	2.70	11.80	9.00
Clovis	77.9	97	61	0.25	0.25	2.56	9.77	9.57
Roy	72.0	94	48	1.50	1.50	2.97	9.41	9.03
Tucumcari	78.2	102	56	1.24	1.24	3.30	8.83	8.57
Chama	64.2	86	41	0.00	0.00	2.24	8.05	11.08
Johnson Ranch	67.4	91	38	0.00	0.00	1.66	6.85	5.43
Capulin	66.1	85	43	1.71	1.71	3.25	8.54	10.52
Las Vegas	68.8	91	47	0.01	0.01	3.20	9.20	9.60
Los Alamos	70.9	87	54	T	0.00	3.25	7.33	9.66
Raton	68.2	91	43	0.26	0.26	2.66	10.51	9.82
Santa Fe	72.7	93	48	T	0.00	2.38	3.76	7.64
Red River	58.9	80	34	0.35	0.37	3.01	11.01	11.93
Farmington	74.9	98	52	T	0.00	0.94	3.88	4.31
Gallup	69.0	91	46	T	0.00	1.91	2.67	6.10
Grants	69.4	91	39	0.00	0.00	1.76	3.48	4.79
Silver City	74.9	94	53	0.00	0.00	2.65	6.36	7.55
Quemado	65.9	90	38	0.00	0.00	2.37	3.38	6.56
Albuquerque	79.6	96	58	0.02	0.02	1.37	5.57	4.42
Carrizozo	75.0	97	48	0.00	0.00	2.05	4.12	5.55
Gran Quivera	74.2	93	52	0.00	0.00	2.81	6.58	7.52
Moriarty	71.7	98	38	0.16	0.16	2.38	4.99	6.37
Ruidoso	68.3	86	43	0.16	0.16	4.02	8.32	10.99
Socorro	75.7	96	44	0.05	0.05	1.44	4.74	3.94
Alamogordo	83.1	100	67	0.02	0.02	2.23	4.31	5.51
Animas	80.8	98	62	0.79	0.79	2.26	6.05	4.74
Deming	81.5	101	58	0.24	0.24	2.15	5.14	4.43
T or C	83.1	102	65	0.12	0.12	1.86	3.45	4.44
Las Cruces	82.1	100	59	0.00	0.00	1.36	4.97	3.63

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction
All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.

2003 PECAN PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Pecan production in New Mexico totaled 55 million pounds in 2003, a high bearing year in the alternating cycle of the trees. This was a 52.8% increase over 2002's 36 million pounds, but 8.3% less than 2001's production, the previous high bearing year in the cycle. Price per pound increased 3 cents from the previous year to $1.28. Production in 2003 was valued at $70.4 million, compared to $45 million the year before, and $38.4 million in 2001.

UNITED STATES: Pecan production for 2003 is estimated at 141,100 tons, a 63 percent increase from 2002. The crop showed a 68 percent increase in value to 278 million dollars.

All Pecans: Utilized Production, Price and Value of Production, State and U.S., 2002-2003

State	Utilized Production		Price Per Pound		Value of Production	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	----------1,000 Pounds---------		----------Dollars----------		----------1,000 Dollars---------	
Improved Varieties[1/]						
AL	4,000	7,000	0.670	0.940	2,680	6,580
AZ	16,000	22,500	1.030	1.040	16,480	23,400
AR	1,200	1,400	0.600	1.100	720	1,540
CA	3,800	3,700	1.270	1.420	4,826	5,254
FL	500	500	0.870	1.000	435	500
GA	42,000	60,000	1.020	1.000	42,840	60,000
LA	2,000	4,000	0.890	1.080	1,780	4,320
MS	2,100	4,800	0.950	0.860	1,995	4,128
NM	**36,000**	**55,000**	**1.250**	**1.280**	**45,000**	**70,400**
NC	1,500	2,200	0.950	0.850	1,425	1,870
OK	1,500	1,500	0.600	1.120	900	1,680
SC	120	3,300	0.970	0.850	116	2,805
TX	20,000	37,000	1.020	1.110	20,400	41,070
U.S.	130,720	202,900	1.070	1.100	139,597	223,547
Native & Seedling						
AL	1,000	1,000	0.490	0.690	490	690
AR	500	2,400	0.500	0.720	250	1,728
FL	900	1,600	0.500	0.600	450	960
GA	3,000	15,000	0.680	0.640	2,040	9,600
KS	2,900	2,000	0.750	0.870	2,175	1,740
LA	4,000	16,000	0.500	0.680	2,000	10,880
MS	900	2,200	0.550	0.500	495	1,100
NC	400	300	0.600	0.500	240	150
OK	8,500	4,500	0.500	0.800	4,250	3,600
SC	80	1,200	0.570	0.720	46	864
TX	20,000	33,000	0.650	0.690	13,000	22,770
U.S.	42,180	79,200	0.603	0.683	25,436	54,082
TOTAL ALL PECANS	172,900	282,100	0.955	0.984	165,033	277,629

[1/] Budded, grafted, or topworked varieties.

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ONIONS

NEW MEXICO: Onions planted and harvested in New Mexico remained consistent for two years in a row. Growers planted 7,700 acres and are expected to harvest 7,700 acres during the 2004 season. With the onion harvest reported at 74% complete, yield per acre is expected to reach 450 hundredweight per acre and total production is expected to reach 3,465 thousand hundredweight.

UNITED STATES: Onion growers expect to harvest 168,050 acres of onions in 2004, up 5 percent from last year. Spring onion growers harvested 35,300 acres, up 13 percent from last season. Summer, non-storage onion growers expect to harvest 22,400 acres, up 3 percent from last year. Storage onion growers plan to harvest 110,350 acres in 2004, up 3 percent from last season.

Onions: Area Planted, Harvested, Yield Per Acre, and Production, 2003-2004[1/]

	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
Season and State	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	----------Acres----------				----------1,000 Cwt.----------			
SPRING[2/]								
AZ	1,500	1,600	1,500	1,600	500	540	750	864
CA	6,400	6,900	6,200	6,700	490	450	3,038	3,015
GA	14,000	16,500	12,500	14,500	175	260	2,188	3,770
TX	12,800	14,500	11,000	12,500	320	280	3,520	3,500
TOTAL	**34,700**	**39,500**	**31,200**	**35,300**	**304**	**316**	**9,496**	**11,149**
SUMMER NON-STORAGE[2/]								
CA	7,300	7,200	7,000	6,800	500	475	3,500	3,230
NV	3,100	3,200	3,100	3,200	600	580	1,860	1,856
NM	**7,700**	**7,700**	**7,700**	**7,700**	**550**	**450**	**4,235**	**3,465**
TX	2,700	3,400	2,500	3,200	400	300	1,000	960
WA	1,400	1,500	1,400	1,500	370	350	518	525
TOTAL	**22,200**	**23,000**	**21,700**	**22,400**	**512**	**448**	**11,113**	**10,036**
STORAGE[3/]	**110,060**	**114,290**	**107,190**	**110,350**	**461**	**---**	**49,416**	**---**
U.S. - ALL	**166,960**	**176,790**	**160,090**	**168,050**	**437**	**---**	**70,025**	**---**

[1/] Estimates for 2003 revised. [2/] Primarily fresh market. [3/] Yield and production for 2004 will be published October 3, 2004.