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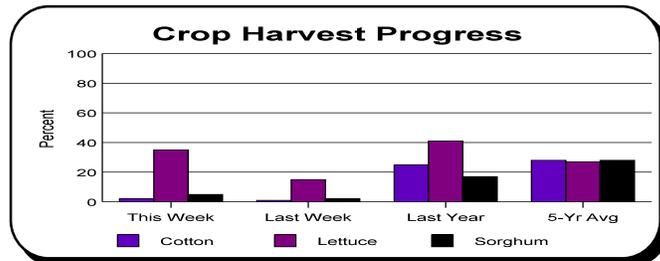
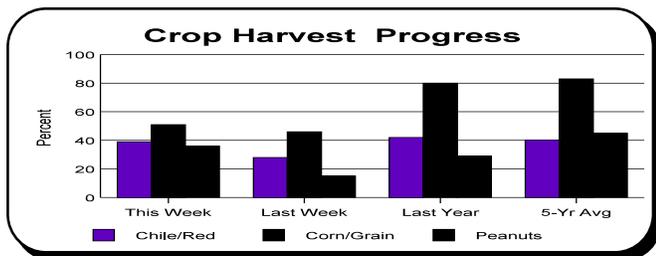
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 24, 2004

NEW MEXICO: There were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Farmers spent the week harvesting chile, corn, cotton, hay, and sorghum. Alfalfa conditions were reported in mostly fair to excellent condition. The 6th cutting was 76% complete and the 7th was 24% complete. Red chile harvest was in full swing with 39 percent harvested to date. Cotton conditions improved slightly with harvest just beginning, well behind last year. Cotton bolls opening were reported at 94%, and just 2% harvested to date. Corn was reported in fair to excellent condition with 51% of the crop harvested. Sorghum conditions were reported as 1% poor, 42% fair, 53% good and 4% excellent. Sorghum coloring was reported at 80%, while 32% of the crop was mature and 5% harvested by weeks end. Peanut harvest was in full swing with 36% of the crop harvested. Lettuce harvest continued with 35% of the crop harvested. Wheat was in fair to excellent condition with some replanting. Ranchers continued shipping their calves and moving cattle to home pastures. Cattle conditions were reported as 9% poor, 24% fair, 44% good and 23% excellent. Sheep conditions were at 9% poor, 21% fair, 60% good and 10% excellent. Pasture conditions were reported much improved from last year at 2% very poor, 9% poor, 39% fair, 36% good, and 14% excellent.

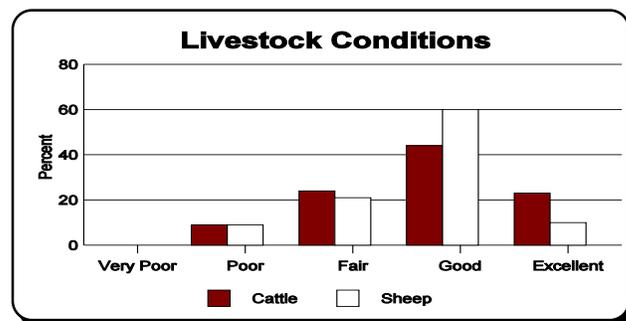
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

| CROP PROGRESS | | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Year Average |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| CHILE | Harvested-Red | 39 | 28 | 42 | 40 |
| CORN | Harvested-Grain | 51 | 46 | 80 | 83 |
| COTTON | Harvested | 2 | 1 | 25 | 28 |
| LETTUCE | Harvested | 35 | 15 | 41 | 27 |
| PEANUTS | Harvested | 36 | 15 | 29 | 45 |
| SORGHUM (All) | Mature | 32 | 19 | 57 | 83 |
| SORGHUM (All) | Harvested | 5 | 2 | 17 | 28 |
| WHEAT (All) | Emerged | 96 | 93 | 84 | 85 |



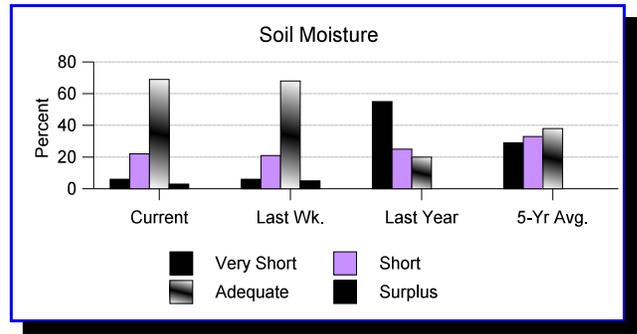
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|---------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Alfalfa | 1 | 4 | 39 | 45 | 11 |
| Chile | -- | 5 | 24 | 42 | 29 |
| Corn | -- | -- | 28 | 63 | 9 |
| Cotton | 1 | 4 | 35 | 41 | 19 |
| Lettuce | -- | -- | -- | 20 | 80 |
| Peanuts | -- | 2 | 34 | 45 | 19 |
| Pecans | -- | 3 | 21 | 29 | 47 |
| Sorghum | -- | 1 | 42 | 53 | 4 |
| Cattle | -- | 9 | 24 | 44 | 23 |
| Sheep | -- | 9 | 21 | 60 | 10 |
| Range/Pasture | 2 | 9 | 39 | 36 | 14 |



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|----------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Northwest | 3 | 7 | 87 | 3 |
| Northeast | 10 | 29 | 61 | -- |
| Southwest | 15 | 70 | 15 | -- |
| Southeast | -- | 8 | 83 | 9 |
| State Current | 6 | 22 | 69 | 3 |
| State-Last Wk. | 6 | 21 | 68 | 5 |
| State-Last Year | 55 | 25 | 20 | -- |
| State-5-Yr Avg. | 29 | 33 | 38 | -- |



WEATHER SUMMARY

The week was generally dry with temperatures near normal in the west and a few degrees above normal in the east. Although some measurable precipitation fell at nearly half of the reporting locations, amounts were light for the most part. Quemado and Red River (0.29" and 0.26" respectively) were the only sites that measured over one quarter of an inch. Most of this was a mix of rain and snow Wednesday night.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS OCTOBER 18 - 24, 2004

| Station | Temperature | | | Precipitation | | | | |
|---------------|-------------|---------|---------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | Mean | Maximum | Minimum | 10/18 10/24 | 10/01 10/24 | Normal Oct | 01/01 10/24 | Normal Jan-Oct |
| Carlsbad | 65.6 | 84 | 43 | T | 0.67 | 1.05 | 16.88 | 11.79 |
| Tatum | 51.8 | 82 | -- | 0.02 | 3.52 | 1.49 | 31.35 | 15.02 |
| Roswell | 61.9 | 83 | 40 | T | 0.92 | 1.19 | 17.74 | 11.83 |
| Clayton | 57.3 | 80 | 29 | 0.00 | 0.40 | 0.90 | 24.44 | 14.28 |
| Clovis | 62.1 | 79 | 41 | 0.00 | 1.95 | 1.34 | 19.93 | 16.24 |
| Roy | 53.4 | 72 | 33 | 0.00 | 1.41 | 1.05 | 18.13 | 14.79 |
| Tucumcari | 61.9 | 80 | 42 | T | 1.87 | 0.94 | 18.05 | 13.39 |
| Chama | 39.5 | 61 | 19 | 0.01 | 0.60 | 1.96 | 13.35 | 18.09 |
| Johnson Ranch | 43.3 | 64 | 23 | 0.00 | 0.51 | 1.11 | 11.13 | 10.16 |
| Capulin | 49.1 | 71 | 23 | 0.00 | 0.67 | 0.97 | 21.46 | 16.27 |
| Las Vegas | -- | -- | -- | 0.00 | 2.51 | 1.51 | 20.16 | 17.78 |
| Los Alamos | 43.8 | 62 | 30 | 0.05 | 1.55 | 1.32 | 15.74 | 16.62 |
| Raton | 49.5 | 75 | 22 | 0.00 | 1.28 | 0.97 | 24.29 | 15.61 |
| Santa Fe | 48.5 | 66 | 26 | 0.07 | 1.96 | 1.04 | 10.55 | 12.58 |
| Red River | 42.4 | 56 | 26 | 0.26 | 1.57 | 1.46 | 19.89 | 18.15 |
| Farmington | 51.6 | 71 | 27 | T | 0.38 | 0.85 | 7.23 | 7.18 |
| Gallup | 46.4 | 69 | 20 | 0.01 | 0.16 | 1.29 | 5.74 | 10.96 |
| Grants | 47.1 | 71 | 22 | 0.02 | 0.17 | 1.05 | 7.54 | 9.56 |
| Silver City | 53.5 | 72 | 29 | 0.00 | 0.86 | 1.16 | 20.41 | 14.02 |
| Quemado | 48.4 | 69 | 24 | 0.29 | 0.89 | 1.18 | 9.52 | 12.59 |
| Albuquerque | 55.4 | 73 | 37 | 0.06 | 0.90 | 0.89 | 9.90 | 7.95 |
| Carrizozo | 57.6 | 73 | 39 | 0.00 | 0.62 | 1.19 | 9.38 | 11.31 |
| Gran Quivera | 52.1 | 68 | 36 | 0.00 | 2.33 | 1.27 | 14.58 | 14.01 |
| Moriarty | 39.4 | 71 | -- | 0.07 | 1.59 | 1.10 | 12.14 | 11.77 |
| Ruidoso | 54.8 | 67 | 36 | 0.20 | 1.96 | 1.31 | 20.56 | 18.84 |
| Socorro | 55.6 | 77 | 29 | 0.01 | 0.76 | 1.11 | 7.97 | 8.48 |
| Alamogordo | 62.1 | 77 | 43 | 0.00 | 0.72 | 1.30 | 9.48 | 11.21 |
| Animas | 61.6 | 80 | 40 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.15 | 11.37 | 9.91 |
| Deming | 60.4 | 82 | 39 | 0.01 | 0.15 | 0.98 | 8.67 | 9.09 |
| T or C | 59.7 | 77 | 40 | T | 0.56 | 0.95 | 7.03 | 8.62 |
| Las Cruces | 50.2 | 82 | 46 | 0.02 | 0.59 | 0.91 | 10.77 | 8.19 |

(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 the month of September totaled 551 million pounds, down from the previous month's total of 574 million pounds. Production per cow averaged 1,670 pounds for the month. This compares to production of one year ago of 1,705 pounds per cow. The number of milk cows on farms was 330,000 head, remaining steady with the previous month's total but well above the 318,000 head of one year ago. New Mexico continues its ranking of 7th in the nation in milk production.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 20 major States during September totaled 11.9 billion pounds, up 1.3 percent from September 2003. August revised production, at 12.4 billion pounds, was up 1.4 percent from August 2003. The August revision represented a decrease of 11 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,529 pounds for September, 18 pounds above September 2003. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.77 million head, 6,000 head less than September 2003, but 4,000 head more than August 2004.

Milk Cows and Production: August 2004 ^{1/} and September 2003-2004

| State | Milk Cows ^{2/} | | | Milk per Cow ^{3/} | | | Milk Production ^{3/} | | |
|---------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 9/03 | 8/04 | 9/04 | 9/03 | 8/04 | 9/04 | 9/03 | 8/04 | 9/04 |
| | -----1,000 Head----- | | | -----Pounds----- | | | -----Million Pounds----- | | |
| AZ | 155 | 163 | 165 | 1,605 | 1,740 | 1,675 | 249 | 284 | 276 |
| CA | 1,695 | 1,733 | 1,737 | 1,670 | 1,775 | 1,710 | 2,831 | 3,076 | 2,970 |
| FL | 139 | 138 | 137 | 1,020 | 1,225 | 1,115 | 142 | 169 | 153 |
| ID | 413 | 431 | 431 | 1,780 | 1,850 | 1,780 | 735 | 797 | 767 |
| IL | 109 | 107 | 107 | 1,420 | 1,490 | 1,440 | 155 | 159 | 154 |
| IN | 155 | 149 | 150 | 1,575 | 1,610 | 1,540 | 244 | 240 | 231 |
| IA | 200 | 190 | 190 | 1,490 | 1,545 | 1,480 | 298 | 294 | 281 |
| KY | 111 | 110 | 109 | 975 | 1,045 | 1,000 | 108 | 115 | 109 |
| MI | 304 | 303 | 303 | 1,755 | 1,755 | 1,685 | 534 | 532 | 511 |
| MN | 470 | 465 | 465 | 1,355 | 1,440 | 1,365 | 637 | 670 | 635 |
| MO | 127 | 121 | 121 | 1,090 | 1,210 | 1,150 | 138 | 146 | 139 |
| NM | 318 | 330 | 330 | 1,705 | 1,740 | 1,670 | 542 | 574 | 551 |
| NY | 668 | 654 | 654 | 1,430 | 1,500 | 1,420 | 955 | 981 | 929 |
| OH | 259 | 266 | 266 | 1,380 | 1,440 | 1,380 | 357 | 383 | 367 |
| PA | 566 | 560 | 562 | 1,415 | 1,475 | 1,415 | 801 | 826 | 795 |
| TX | 320 | 320 | 320 | 1,305 | 1,465 | 1,405 | 418 | 469 | 450 |
| VT | 147 | 145 | 145 | 1,430 | 1,495 | 1,430 | 210 | 217 | 207 |
| VA | 111 | 104 | 104 | 1,175 | 1,335 | 1,290 | 130 | 139 | 134 |
| WA | 244 | 237 | 235 | 1,865 | 1,905 | 1,855 | 455 | 451 | 436 |
| WI | 1,253 | 1,240 | 1,239 | 1,430 | 1,495 | 1,440 | 1,792 | 1,854 | 1,784 |
| 20 STS | 7,764 | 7,766 | 7,770 | 1,511 | 1,594 | 1,529 | 11,731 | 12,376 | 11,879 |

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's feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 125,000 on October 1, 2004, down 4,000 head from the previous month, but 2,000 more head than the same time last year. Placements during the month of September were 18,000 head, compared to 23,000 in August. Marketings held steady at 19,000 head, and other disappearance totaled 3,000 head.

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 10.5 million head on October 1, 2004. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.37 million, 4 percent below 2003 but 8 percent above 2002. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.80 million, 11 percent below 2003 and 3 percent below 2002. Other disappearance totaled 61,000 during September, 3 percent below 2003 but 15 percent above 2002.

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

| | Number on Feed | | | Placed | | | Marketed | | | Other Disappearance ^{2/} | | |
|-----------|----------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 10/1/03 | 9/1/04 | 10/1/04 | -----DURING----- | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 9/03 | 8/04 | 9/04 | 9/03 | 8/04 | 9/04 | 9/03 | 8/04 | 9/04 |
| | -----1,000 Head----- | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AZ | 275 | 296 | 298 | 25 | 30 | 28 | 23 | 26 | 25 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| CA | 485 | 520 | 520 | 61 | 63 | 64 | 63 | 59 | 60 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| CO | 950 | 930 | 1,020 | 255 | 205 | 275 | 200 | 150 | 180 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| ID | 270 | 245 | 275 | 82 | 58 | 84 | 56 | 47 | 53 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| IA | 310 | 375 | 375 | 80 | 62 | 70 | 69 | 66 | 69 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| KS | 2,300 | 2,130 | 2,220 | 530 | 520 | 520 | 465 | 495 | 410 | 15 | 15 | 20 |
| NE | 1,830 | 1,800 | 1,940 | 520 | 420 | 470 | 345 | 360 | 320 | 5 | 10 | 10 |
| NM | 123 | 129 | 125 | 16 | 23 | 18 | 10 | 19 | 19 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| OK | 350 | 325 | 340 | 81 | 76 | 80 | 73 | 64 | 62 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| SD | 145 | 138 | 143 | 49 | 25 | 41 | 37 | 43 | 35 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| TX | 2,720 | 2,670 | 2,770 | 620 | 530 | 600 | 580 | 520 | 490 | 20 | 10 | 10 |
| WA | 195 | 160 | 175 | 53 | 33 | 48 | 41 | 22 | 32 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Oth Sts | 265 | 255 | 285 | 102 | 54 | 76 | 70 | 52 | 45 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| US | 10,218 | 9,973 | 10,486 | 2,474 | 2,099 | 2,374 | 2,032 | 1,923 | 1,800 | 63 | 56 | 61 |

^{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 shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.