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WEATHER SUMMARY

After a cool start with some light precipitation, warm and dry weather developed over New Mexico for the remainder of the week. Afternoon temperatures hit 70 degrees over much of the eastern plains during the latter half of the week. The statewide average was between 5 and 6 degrees above normal. Most of the precipitation fell at the beginning of the week, with the higher amounts in the south. Quemado reported the greatest total with .61 inches.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - DECEMBER 6 - 12, 2004

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	12/06 12/12	12/01 12/12	Normal Dec	01/01 12/12	Normal Jan-Dec
Carlsbad	52.9	74	31	0.05	0.10	0.41	21.55	12.79
Tatum	46.6	70	30	0.41	0.51	0.48	35.20	16.05
Roswell	48.6	73	30	0.02	0.10	0.55	20.89	12.93
Clayton	44.0	75	20	0.00	0.00	0.29	25.99	15.09
Clovis	47.6	74	28	0.06	0.11	0.54	21.97	17.51
Roy	41.0	70	26	0.00	0.00	0.45	20.20	15.74
Tucumcari	47.1	72	27	0.11	0.15	0.27	20.72	14.17
Chama	28.1	57	5	0.04	0.31	1.80	14.55	21.61
Johnson Ranch	31.7	55	12	0.02	0.12	0.67	11.38	11.52
Capulin	38.6	69	12	0.00	0.00	0.48	23.35	17.42
Las Vegas	42.1	70	21	0.00	0.00	0.68	21.53	19.04
Los Alamos	34.3	59	18	T	0.08	1.08	17.11	18.72
Raton	38.9	73	14	0.00	0.00	0.58	25.73	16.80
Santa Fe	36.1	58	18	0.00	0.02	0.77	11.97	13.98
Red River	27.1	55	4	T	0.06	1.16	22.41	20.49
Farmington	36.1	52	23	0.02	0.06	0.50	8.36	8.62
Gallup	35.7	61	19	0.02	0.02	0.96	6.85	12.87
Grants	36.9	63	20	0.08	0.12	0.66	8.60	10.80
Silver City	43.6	67	26	0.20	0.92	1.20	24.06	15.92
Quemado	32.1	62	9	0.61	0.61	1.02	11.79	14.06
Albuquerque	41.2	59	27	T	0.04	0.50	11.50	8.88
Carrizozo	42.4	66	26	0.30	0.62	0.76	11.03	12.83
Gran Quivera	40.2	66	22	0.10	0.12	1.10	16.76	16.02
Moriarty	35.4	62	12	0.07	0.07	0.54	13.13	12.71
Ruidoso	41.8	67	24	0.32	0.86	1.63	24.75	21.35
Socorro	36.2	64	24	0.33	0.41	0.58	10.17	9.53
Alamogordo	48.6	68	34	0.04	0.48	0.82	11.96	12.74
Animas	46.1	72	28	0.39	0.71	1.08	14.40	11.70
Deming	45.9	71	29	0.08	0.32	0.85	10.90	10.58
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Las Cruces	--	--	--	0.00	0.00	0.68	12.94	9.40

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

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

PECAN PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: The December 1 forecast for the 2004 Pecan utilized production is 37 million pounds (in-shell basis), unchanged from the October forecast. Production is down from 2003's 55 million pounds, since this is a low year in the alternating bearing cycle of our trees. Production is expected to be 1 million pounds higher than 2002's 36 million pounds.

UNITED STATES: Utilized production is forecast at 177 million pounds (in-shell basis), down 6 percent from the October 1 forecast and 37 percent below last year's crop. Improved varieties are expected to produce 128 million pounds or 72 percent of the total, while the Native and seedling varieties make up the difference.

PECANS: UTILIZED PRODUCTION 2002-03 AND FORECASTED DECEMBER 1, 2004

Crop and State	Utilized Production		
	2002	2003	2004
	-----1,000 Pounds-----		
IMPROVED VARIETIES ^{1/}			
AL	4,000	7,000	950
AZ	16,000	22,500	13,000
AR ^{2/}	1,200	1,400	1,300
CA ^{2/}	3,800	3,700	3,400
FL ^{2/}	500	500	200
GA	42,000	60,000	35,000
LA	2,000	4,000	2,000
MS ^{2/}	2,100	4,800	700
NM	36,000	55,000	37,000
NC ^{2/}	1,500	2,200	600
OK	1,500	1,500	4,000
SC ^{2/}	120	3,300	1,500
TX	20,000	37,000	28,000
NATIVE & SEEDLING			
AL	1,000	1,000	50
AR ^{2/}	500	2,400	900
FL ^{2/}	900	1,600	300
GA	3,000	15,000	5,000
KS ^{2/}	2,900	2,000	2,500
LA	4,000	16,000	6,000
MS ^{2/}	900	2,200	300
NC ^{2/}	400	300	100
OK	8,500	4,500	22,000
SC ^{2/}	80	1,200	500
TX	20,000	33,000	12,000
U.S. ALL PECANS	172,900	282,100	177,300

^{1/} Budded, grafted, or topworked varieties. ^{2/} Estimated for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.

COTTON PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Upland cotton production is forecast at 125,000 bales, unchanged from the November forecast as harvest continues. This compares to the 70,000 bales harvested in 2003. American-Pima production is forecast at 21,000 bales also unchanged from the November forecast.

UNITED STATES: All cotton production is forecast at a record high 22.8 million 480-pound bales, up 1 percent from the November 1 forecast and 25 percent above last year's production. Upland cotton harvested area, at 13.0 million acres, is unchanged from November but 10 percent more than last year. American-Pima harvested area, at 253,000 acres, is also unchanged from last month but up 43 percent from the 2003 harvested acres.

Cotton: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, 2003 and Forecasted December 1, 2004

Type and State	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production ^{1/}	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	-----1,000 Acres-----		-----Pounds-----		-----1,000 Bales ^{2/} -----	
UPLAND						
AL	510.0	535.0	772	754	820.0	840.0
AZ	213.0	236.0	1,239	1,342	550.0	660.0
AR	945.0	920.0	916	1,070	1,804.0	2,050.0
CA	545.0	557.0	1,317	1,508	1,495.0	1,750.0
GA	1,290.0	1,260.0	785	686	2,110.0	1,800.0
LA	510.0	490.0	967	862	1,027.0	880.0
MS	1,090.0	1,090.0	934	1,000	2,120.0	2,270.0
MO	390.0	385.0	862	997	700.0	800.0
NM	38.0	64.0	884	938	70.0	125.0
NC	770.0	725.0	646	874	1,037.0	1,320.0
OK	170.0	195.0	616	714	218.0	290.0
SC	218.0	218.0	718	815	326.0	370.0
TN	530.0	540.0	806	862	890.0	970.0
TX	4,350.0	5,500.0	478	663	4,330.0	7,600.0
VA	85.0	81.0	674	889	119.4	150.0
Other States ^{3/}	172.0	174.0	576	607	206.5	220.0
U.S.	11,826.0	12,970.0	723	818	17,822.9	22,095.0
AMERICAN PIMA						
AZ	2.4	3.0	920	960	4.6	6.0
CA	149.0	219.0	1,194	1,425	370.5	650.0
NM	6.0	11.0	1,056	916	13.2	21.0
TX	20.0	20.0	1,056	1,032	44.0	43.0
U.S.	177.4	253.0	1,170	1,366	432.3	720.0

^{1/} Production ginned and to be ginned. ^{2/} 480 lb. net weight bales. ^{3/} Other States include FL and KS. Individual State level estimates will be published in the "Crop Production 2004 Summary".

DRY EDIBLE BEANS

NEW MEXICO: Production is forecast at 156,000 cwt. for 2004, down 16 percent below last year. Harvested acreage is forecast at 6,000 acres, down 4000 acres from 2003. Yields are forecast at 2,600 lbs per acre, an increase of 740 lbs from last year.

UNITED STATES: U.S. dry edible bean production is forecast at 18.1 million cwt for 2004, down 3 percent from the October forecast and 19 percent below last year. Harvested acreage is forecast at 1.23 million acres, 2 percent below the last forecast and down 9 percent from 2003. The average U.S. yield is forecast at 1,479 pounds per acre, a decrease of 16 pounds from the October forecast and 191 pounds below a year ago. Production is below a year ago in 12 of the 18 producing States.

Dry Edible Beans: Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by State and United States, 2002-2004 ^{1/}

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield per Acre ^{2/}		Production ^{2/}	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	-----1,000 Acres-----				-----Pounds-----		-----1,000 Cwt.-----	
CA	77.0	67.0	75.0	65.0	1,840	2,000	1,380	1,300
CO	80.0	75.0	73.0	67.0	1,600	1,900	1,168	1,273
ID	75.0	80.0	73.0	78.0	2,050	2,100	1,497	1,638
KS	12.0	9.0	11.0	8.5	2,100	1,800	231	153
MI	170.0	190.0	165.00	185.0	1,500	1,700	2,475	3,145
MN	115.0	115.0	110.0	100.0	1,700	1,150	1,870	1,150
MT	13.0	13.0	12.8	12.8	1,820	2,130	233	272
NE	155.0	120.0	148.0	110.0	2,130	2,160	3,151	2,376
NM	10.0	6.0	10.0	6.0	1,860	2,600	186	156
NY	25.0	24.0	24.0	23.5	1,860	1,050	446	247
ND	540.0	560.0	520.0	475.0	1,500	1,000	7,800	4,750
OR	7.0	6.0	6.0	5.5	1,650	1,750	99	96
SD	8.0	9.0	7.5	8.9	1,770	1,840	133	164
TX	50.0	20.0	44.0	17.5	1,170	860	513	151
UT	5.6	5.3	5.2	4.8	310	300	16	14
WA	27.5	30.0	27.50	29.0	1,910	2,100	525	609
WI	6.0	5.0	5.9	4.9	2,100	2,200	124	108
WY	30.0	25.0	29.0	24.0	2,220	2,150	645	516
U.S.	1,406.1	1,359.3	1,346.9	1,225.4	1,670	1,479	22,492	18,118

^{1/} Excludes beans grown for garden seed. ^{2/} Clean Basis.