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WEATHER SUMMARY

Overall, it was a dry week with temperatures close to normal. The only precipitation event of the week was a minor winter storm that affected roughly the northwest quarter of the state. Farmington (.22") and Johnson Ranch (.20") were the only locations that measured as much as a tenth of an inch of moisture. Extreme temperatures for the week ranged from 1 below zero at Johnston Ranch and Red River on the 17th to 66 at Carlsbad on the 19th. Precipitation totals for the year have been updated.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - DECEMBER 13 - 19, 2004

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	12/13 12/19	12/01 12/19	Normal Dec	01/01 12/19	Normal Jan-Dec
Carlsbad	41.0	66	22	0.00	0.10	0.41	22.75	12.79
Tatum	37.1	59	20	T	0.51	0.48	34.33	16.05
Roswell	39.6	61	22	0.00	0.10	0.55	17.99	12.93
Clayton	38.6	63	20	0.00	0.00	0.29	25.40	15.09
Clovis	38.1	58	19	0.0	0.11	0.54	28.49	17.51
Roy	34.1	59	16	0.00	0.00	0.45	20.66	15.74
Tucumcari	38.0	64	19	0.00	0.15	0.27	21.79	14.17
Chama	29.3	48	8	0.00	0.31	1.80	16.36	21.61
Johnson Ranch	27.4	47	-1	0.20	0.32	0.67	12.16	11.52
Capulin	30.7	57	12	0.01	0.01	0.48	22.98	17.42
Las Vegas	34.1	58	17	T	0.00	0.68	22.16	19.04
Los Alamos	32.2	45	19	0.08	0.16	1.08	18.05	18.72
Raton	32.1	56	9	0.01	0.01	0.58	22.52	16.80
Santa Fe	31.8	50	16	0.00	0.02	0.77	12.00	13.98
Red River	23.9	45	-1	0.05	0.11	1.16	22.56	20.49
Farmington	31.9	57	16	0.22	0.28	0.50	8.65	8.62
Gallup	33.2	59	9	T	0.02	0.96	8.36	12.87
Grants	31.4	55	11	0.04	0.16	0.66	8.70	10.80
Silver City	36.5	55	18	0.00	0.92	1.20	22.80	15.92
Quemado	34.9	59	11	0.00	0.61	1.02	9.84	14.06
Albuquerque	37.9	52	22	0.00	0.04	0.50	11.50	8.88
Carrizozo	36.0	56	17	0.00	0.62	0.76	12.29	12.83
Gran Quivera	34.9	61	15	0.00	0.12	1.10	21.84	16.02
Moriarty	29.2	55	6	0.00	0.07	0.54	15.87	12.71
Ruidoso	32.8	55	11	0.00	0.86	1.63	18.92	21.35
Socorro	36.0	55	16	0.00	0.41	0.58	10.83	9.53
Alamogordo	41.9	56	28	0.00	0.48	0.82	11.84	12.74
Animas	41.2	61	24	0.00	0.71	1.08	14.17	11.70
Deming	40.4	57	20	T	0.32	0.85	10.64	10.58
T or C	40.0	56	25	0.00	0.07	1.07	10.99	10.29
Las Cruces	41.5	59	24	0.00	0.00	0.68	12.76	9.40

(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 the state during November totaled 520 million pounds. Production per cow in New Mexico averaged 1,605 pounds for the month, while the number of cows dropped 1,000 head from the previous month to 324,000 head. New Mexico continues to rank 7th in the nation in milk production.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 20 major States during November totaled 11.8 billion pounds, up 1.2 percent from November 2003. October revised production, at 12.3 billion pounds, was up 1.4 percent from October 2003. The October revision represented an increase of 0.1 percent or 9 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,526 pounds for November, 9 pounds above November 2003. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.77 million head, 44,000 head more than November 2003, but unchanged from October 2004.

Milk Cows and Production: October 2004 ^{1/} and November 2003-2004

State	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	11/03	10/04	11/04	11/03	10/04	11/04	11/03	10/04	11/04
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	155	167	168	1,775	1,770	1,760	275	296	296
CA	1,694	1,740	1,741	1,665	1,770	1,700	2,821	3,080	2,960
FL	140	137	137	1,180	1,160	1,250	165	159	171
ID	412	434	436	1,740	1,800	1,720	717	781	750
IL	109	106	106	1,485	1,480	1,450	162	157	154
IN	151	152	154	1,620	1,605	1,560	245	244	240
IA	197	190	190	1,515	1,540	1,520	298	293	289
KY	112	109	109	1,025	1,035	1,030	115	113	112
MI	300	305	306	1,675	1,730	1,650	503	528	505
MN	465	460	460	1,390	1,425	1,390	646	656	639
MO	125	120	120	1,190	1,230	1,215	149	148	146
NM	320	325	324	1,670	1,690	1,605	534	549	520
NY	660	650	646	1,410	1,470	1,410	931	956	911
OH	258	266	266	1,370	1,420	1,390	353	378	370
PA	560	563	563	1,420	1,465	1,420	795	825	799
TX	317	320	320	1,440	1,470	1,455	456	470	466
VT	146	145	145	1,415	1,455	1,410	207	211	204
VA	108	104	103	1,260	1,355	1,340	136	141	138
WA	243	234	234	1,810	1,895	1,820	440	443	426
WI	1,249	1,238	1,237	1,410	1,475	1,415	1,761	1,826	1,750
20 STS	7,721	7,765	7,765	1,517	1,578	1,526	11,709	12,254	11,846

1/ Revised. 2/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

*Wishing our readers a safe holiday season. Look
for our next publication on January 3, 2005*

CATTLE ON FEED

NEW MEXICO: Cattle and Calves on feed intended for the slaughter market in New Mexico feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 129,000 on December 1, 2004. This is down 3.7 percent from November's inventory. Placements totaled 14,000 head during November, compared to 29,000 in October. Marketings were 16,000, down from October's 29,000 head. Other disappearances rose to 3,000 head, some of which was the death loss resulting from the cold and wet conditions in our eastern counties.

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 11.3 million head on December 1, 2004. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.74 million, 10 percent below 2003 and 12 percent below 2002. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.63 million, 6 percent above 2003 but 6 percent below 2002. Other disappearance totaled 108,000 during November, 11 percent above 2003 and 20 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/}		
	12/1/03	11/1/04	12/1/04	-----DURING-----								
				11/03	10/04	11/04	11/03	10/04	11/04	11/03	10/04	11/04
	-----1,000 Head-----											
AZ	284	321	329	26	48	35	19	21	23	1	4	4
CA	500	525	530	62	70	66	52	59	53	5	6	8
CO	1,060	1,090	1,100	185	260	175	165	185	155	10	5	10
ID	310	305	305	64	78	50	47	47	48	2	1	2
IA	370	430	435	77	125	90	56	68	82	1	2	3
KS	2,480	2,400	2,390	425	570	390	350	375	370	25	15	30
NE	2,280	2,210	2,300	410	600	410	260	325	310	10	5	10
NM	121	134	129	22	29	14	17	29	16	2	2	3
OK	350	360	355	56	87	43	51	64	44	5	3	4
SD	200	169	186	54	65	51	30	38	33	1	1	1
TX	2,840	2,880	2,740	440	650	320	410	520	430	30	20	30
WA	210	180	185	46	43	37	35	37	31	1	1	1
Oth Sts	330	330	360	59	76	62	45	30	30	4	1	2
US	11,335	11,334	11,344	1,926	2,701	1,743	1,537	1,798	1,625	97	66	108

^{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.