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Weather Summary Wool Production Mohair Production ARMS

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WEATHER SUMMARY

Two storms effected New Mexico during the week. Both storms produced the greatest impact over the west half of the state, with some copious precipitation amounts over portions of the west. Silver City measured nearly 2 -1/2 inches of rain, while Farmington, Chama, Los Alamos, Gran Quivira, Ruidoso, Alamogordo and Deming all measured over an inch of moisture. Temperatures for the week were around normal or slightly above normal nearly statewide.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - FEBRUARY 7 - 13, 2005

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	02/07 02/13	01/01 02/13	Normal Feb	01/01 02/13	Normal Jan-Feb
Farmington	38.40	51	18	1.35	1.38	0.57	2.47	1.16
Gallup	36.80	51	18	0.86	0.86	0.74	2.28	1.54
Capulin	35.40	56	11	0.00	0.00	0.56	1.55	0.96
Chama	27.90	43	-4	1.19	0.43	1.58	5.71	3.35
Johnson Ranch	35.80	49	18	0.85	0.00	0.57	0.59	1.24
Las Vegas	37.10	58	12	0.06	0.19	0.48	2.04	1.08
Los Alamos	33.20	47	15	1.05	1.24	0.80	3.87	1.66
Raton	34.90	61	12	0.05	0.05	0.54	2.88	1.01
Red River	27.10	42	-1	0.90	0.60	1.22	3.34	2.29
Santa Fe	36.60	50	22	0.86	0.15	0.69	2.08	1.32
Clayton	40.30	64	20	0.02	0.45	0.31	1.83	0.55
Clovis	40.30	67	22	0.03	0.58	0.51	2.92	0.90
Roy	39.40	61	23	0.00	0.15	0.43	2.31	0.77
Tucumcari	44.40	67	22	0.00	0.84	0.45	2.48	0.73
Grants	36.60	54	12	0.49	0.55	0.51	1.61	1.00
Quemado	37.00	53	10	0.31	0.31	0.72	1.54	1.55
Silver City	39.10	53	26	2.44	0.60	1.25	3.90	2.41
Albuquerque	43.50	56	26	0.75	0.82	0.46	2.20	0.90
Carrizozo	50.00	55	45	0.81	0.00	0.57	1.93	1.17
Socorro	49.00	62	41	0.61	0.63	0.39	1.94	0.78
Gran Quivira	40.10	53	20	1.04	1.08	0.82	2.35	1.52
Moriarty	37.40	52	20	0.37	0.38	0.48	2.02	0.91
Ruidoso	40.80	55	21	1.23	2.40	1.16	4.15	2.28
Carlsbad	48.50	71	35	0.10	0.79	0.35	1.24	0.70
Roswell	45.20	68	31	0.23	0.99	0.46	1.70	0.89
Tatum	43.40	67	27	0.10	0.73	0.50	1.81	0.89
Alamogordo	46.90	59	37	1.14	2.22	0.54	3.52	1.21
Animas	47.60	60	34	0.82	1.24	0.51	3.78	1.19
Deming	46.60	61	29	1.03	1.35	0.46	2.62	1.02
Las Cruces	48.40	66	33	0.72	1.47	0.37	2.37	0.83
T or C	46.60	62	31	0.91	1.39	0.38	2.41	0.84

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

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

WOOL PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Number of sheep shorn in New Mexico during 2004 dropped 20,000 head from 2003 to 140,000 head. The weight per fleece dropped from 7.8 pounds in 2003 to 7.3 pounds in 2004. Production decreased from 1.24 million pounds to 1.02 million pounds. Average price per pound decreased by 10 cents to \$1.00, which decreased total value of production by 24 percent to \$1.02 million dollars in 2004.

UNITED STATES: Shorn wool production in the United States during 2004 was 37.6 million pounds, down 2 percent from 2003. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 5.07 million head, down slightly from 2003. The average price paid for wool sold in 2004 was \$0.80 per pound for a total value of \$29.9 million dollars, up 6 percent from \$28.1 million dollars in 2003.

Wool: Number of Sheep and Lambs Shorn, Weight per Fleece, Production, Price per Pound, and Value by State and United States, 2003-2004

	Sheep Shorn		Weight Per Fleece		Production		Price Per Pound		Value ^{1/}	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	-----1,000 Head----		-----Pounds----		---1,000 Pounds--		-----Dollars-----		----1,000 Dollars---	
AZ	102.0	90.0	6.1	6.4	620	580	0.34	0.30	211	174
CA	500.0	480.0	7.0	7.1	3,500	3,400	0.79	0.82	2,765	2,788
CO	360.0	390.0	7.2	6.6	2,580	2,570	0.74	0.85	1,909	2,185
ID	217.0	225.0	9.7	9.4	2,115	2,125	0.86	0.88	1,819	1,870
IL	58.0	60.0	6.8	6.8	395	405	0.23	0.26	91	105
IN	42.0	43.0	6.7	6.4	280	275	0.19	0.21	53	58
IA	240.0	230.0	6.0	6.0	1,450	1,370	0.29	0.34	421	466
KS	80.0	66.0	7.0	7.3	560	485	0.45	0.57	252	276
KY	17.0	20.0	6.8	6.8	115	155	0.24	0.31	28	42
MD	17.0	15.0	7.1	6.9	120	103	0.34	0.41	41	42
MI	77.0	76.0	6.2	5.8	475	440	0.30	0.45	143	198
MN	140.0	140.0	6.8	6.5	950	910	0.30	0.37	285	337
MO	53.0	61.0	7.0	6.1	370	375	0.42	0.40	155	150
MT	272.0	267.0	9.5	9.3	2,597	2,472	1.03	1.17	2,675	2,892
NE	88.0	83.0	7.2	7.2	630	600	0.35	0.43	221	258
NV	55.0	55.0	8.4	9.3	460	510	0.95	0.94	437	479
N ENG ^{1/}	37.0	40.0	7.0	7.1	260	284	0.35	0.45	91	128
NM	160.0	140.0	7.8	7.3	1,240	1,020	1.10	1.00	1,364	1,020
NY	48.0	53.0	6.7	6.7	320	356	0.27	0.21	86	75
NC	10.0	10.0	6.5	6.4	65	64	0.42	0.38	27	24
ND	75.0	82.0	8.7	9.1	650	745	0.60	0.75	390	559
OH	144.0	140.0	6.4	6.5	920	903	0.23	0.34	212	307
OK	50.0	50.0	6.3	6.2	315	310	0.40	0.50	126	155
OR	178.0	173.0	6.8	6.3	1,210	1,090	0.58	0.65	702	709
PA	61.0	68.0	6.7	6.5	410	440	0.27	0.27	111	119
SD	330.0	345.0	8.0	7.6	2,625	2,610	0.76	0.72	1,995	1,879
TN	16.0	16.0	6.6	6.2	105	99	0.67	0.63	70	62
TX	800.0	810.0	7.0	6.9	5,600	5,600	0.90	1.02	5,040	5,712
UT	240.0	245.0	9.3	9.2	2,230	2,250	0.80	0.83	1,784	1,868
VA	36.0	36.0	6.1	6.3	220	226	0.33	0.40	73	90
WA	36.0	40.0	8.1	8.2	292	326	0.63	0.80	184	261
WV	28.0	24.0	5.7	5.6	160	134	0.28	0.43	45	58
WI	67.0	70.0	7.2	7.1	480	500	0.25	0.30	120	150
WY	390.0	390.0	9.4	9.3	3,650	3,640	1.10	1.17	4,015	4,259
Oth Sts ^{2/}	50.0	40.0	6.6	6.8	330	270	0.56	0.65	185	176
U.S.	5,074.0	5,073.0	7.5	7.4	38,299	37,622	0.73	0.80	28,126	29,931

^{1/} Production multiplied by marketing year average price. U.S. value is summation of State values. ^{2/} N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, AND VT. ^{3/} Other States include AL, AK, AR, DE, FL, GA, HI, LA, MS, and SC.

MOHAIR PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Goats clipped in New Mexico in 2004 remained unchanged from the prior year at 10,000 head. The 2004 average clip per goat held steady at 6 pounds per goat which left production the same as a year earlier. Price per pound dropped from \$1.25 in 2003 to \$1.15 in 2004. The decline in price resulted in a 12 percent decrease in the total value from \$75,000 to \$66,000.

UNITED STATES: Mohair production in the United States during 2004 was 1.94 million pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 269,500 head. Average weight per clip was 7.2 pounds. Mohair price was 1.97 per pound with a value of 3.8 million dollars.

Mohair: Production, Price, and Value by Selected States and 3-State total, 2003-04 ^{1/}

State	Goats Clipped		Avg. Clip Per Goat		Production		Price Per Pound		Value	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	----1,000 Head--		-----Pounds-----		----1,000 Pounds--		-----Dollars-----		----1,000 Dollars---	
AZ	28	22	5.0	5.0	140	110	1.40	1.10	196	121
CA ^{2/}	---	2.5	---	8.0	---	20	---	1.70	---	34
NM	10	10	6.0	6.0	60	60	1.25	1.10	75	66
TX	210	210	8.0	7.7	1,680	1,620	1.70	2.10	2,856	3,402
Otr. Sts. ^{2/}	---	25	---	5.0	---	125	---	1.50	---	188
U.S.	248	269.5	7.6	7.2	1,880	1,935	1.66	1.97	3,127	3,811

^{1/} 2003 data are a 3-state total. 2004 data are U.S. total. ^{2/} Data not available prior to 2004.

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC SURVEY WILL MEASURE FARM FINANCIAL HEALTH NEW MEXICO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS PROVIDE FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Agricultural producers must maintain a competitive edge to operate in a global market since they produce far beyond domestic demand. In recent years, changes in the rules of trade, shifts in domestic policy and new developments in technology have altered the landscape of global agriculture and the challenges facing American farmers.

How are agricultural producers surviving when input costs such as hired labor, fertilizer, and fuel costs continue to rise? Are government program payments providing producers an adequate safety net to allow them to make investments in land and equipment required of modern farming? Which agriculture sectors show improvement or are under financial stress?

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will give New Mexico agricultural producers the chance to answer these and other questions by participating in the 2004 **Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS)**. This survey is the key financial information tool that provides the leading economic indicators of state and national agriculture for producers, agribusinesses, and government. The results will show the impact of the shifting global market, farmer production decisions, and governmental policies on the agricultural economy.

During 2003, the USDA'S Farm Services Agency (FSA) in New Mexico distributed to producers \$92.4 million in farm program payments including \$26 million in conservation funding, and \$27 million in emergency assistance payments. Data from the ARMS is used to measure the benefits of direct, counter-cyclical, and ad hoc emergency payments as producers continue to look to the marketplace for economic reward.

"Reliable, accurate descriptions of the current economic health of New Mexico farms and ranches are crucial," said Dwaine Nelson, State Director, "especially when policymakers, farm organizations, analysts, local USDA agents, news media, farm suppliers, lenders, and others make decisions that affect growers."

Producers chosen to participate in the 2004 Agricultural Resource Management Survey will be mailed a questionnaire or visited by an interviewer to complete the report at the farm or ranch operator's convenience. Results will be published in a series of USDA reports on the current farm financial situation.

Farm Production Expenditures, the first report with results from the survey, will be released in July 2005. For a copy of the finished report or to obtain other agricultural statistics, visit the National Agricultural Statistics Service website at www.usda.gov/nass/.

CHALLENGING TIMES CALL FOR POWERFUL FACTS

The Agricultural Resource Management Survey provided the facts policymakers used to craft the Farm Bill.

Keep your leaders informed. If you are selected for this survey, please respond to show agriculture's economic status today.

