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WEATHER SUMMARY

It was another warm, wet week for most of New Mexico as several minor storm systems moved across the state. A couple of rare, February severe thunderstorms developed between Albuquerque and Santa Fe on Saturday, producing large hail and funnel clouds. Gallup and Chama measured over an inch of moisture for the week. Temperatures averaged 7 degrees above normal for the state; the southeast plains had several days with afternoon readings topping 70 degrees.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - FEBRUARY 14 - 20, 2005

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	02/14 02/20	02/01 02/20	Normal Feb	01/01 02/20	Normal Jan-Feb
Farmington	43.2	56	31	0.72	2.10	0.57	3.19	1.16
Gallup	41.2	53	27	1.15	2.01	0.74	3.43	1.54
Capulin	37.9	61	20	0.03	0.03	0.56	1.58	0.96
Chama	31.9	47	15	1.05	2.27	1.58	7.55	3.35
Johnson Ranch	39.9	55	24	0.67	1.52	0.57	2.11	1.24
Las Vegas	40.5	62	26	0.17	0.36	0.48	2.21	1.08
Los Alamos	38.7	52	28	0.39	1.63	0.8	4.26	1.66
Raton	38.0	63	22	0.03	0.08	0.54	2.91	1.01
Red River	30.9	44	13	0.57	1.57	1.22	4.31	2.29
Santa Fe	40.1	55	24	0.64	1.64	0.69	3.57	1.32
Clayton	42.6	69	25	0.02	0.47	0.31	1.85	0.55
Clovis	47.6	72	28	0.06	0.82	0.51	3.16	0.90
Roy	41.2	65	26	0.45	0.60	0.43	2.76	0.77
Tucumcari	48.1	72	31	0.24	1.08	0.45	2.72	0.73
Grants	42.1	57	25	0.52	1.03	0.51	2.09	1.00
Quemado	42.4	56	22	0.28	0.91	0.72	2.14	1.55
Silver City	44.5	60	29	0.62	3.66	1.25	6.96	2.41
Albuquerque	47.9	59	34	0.85	1.69	0.46	3.07	0.90
Carrizozo	46.8	62	30	0.32	1.77	0.57	3.70	1.17
Socorro	48.2	66	28	0.19	0.82	0.39	2.13	0.78
Gran Quivera	43.8	58	32	0.30	1.38	0.82	2.65	1.52
Moriarty	42.9	58	29	0.64	1.01	0.48	2.65	0.91
Ruidoso	44.9	60	29	0.41	2.81	1.16	4.56	2.28
Carlsbad	51.8	75	34	0.07	0.86	0.35	1.31	0.70
Roswell	48.4	77	29	0.00	0.97	0.46	1.68	0.89
Tatum	47.6	73	33	0.10	0.81	0.5	1.89	0.89
Alamogordo	53.4	66	40	0.13	2.35	0.54	3.65	1.21
Animas	52.8	68	35	0.07	1.31	0.51	3.85	1.19
Deming	53.1	68	34	0.04	1.39	0.46	2.66	1.02
Las Cruces	53.9	71	34	0.00	1.47	0.37	2.37	0.83
T or C	53.6	71	35	0.00	1.07	0.38	2.09	0.84

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

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

MILK PRODUCTION

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 23 major States during January totaled 13.2 billion pounds, up 1.3 percent from January 2004. December production, at 13.0 billion pounds, was up 1.2 percent from December 2003. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,637 pounds for January, 13 pounds above January 2004. The number of cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.08 million head, 38,000 head more than January 2004, but 15,000 head less than December 2004.

NEW MEXICO: Milk production in New Mexico during January totaled 545 million pounds down from the previous month's total of 530 million pounds. Milk per cow for the month averaged 1,710 pounds, a drop of 60 pounds from the December average of 1,650 pounds. Number of milk cows on farms declined by 2,000 head from 321,000 in December to 319,000 in January 2005. New Mexico remains 7th in the nation in total milk production.

Milk Cows and Production: December 2004^{1/} and January 2004-2005

State	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	1/04	12/04	1/05	1/04	12/04	1/05	1/04	12/04	1/05
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	155	166	165	2,010	1,905	1,970	312	316	325
CA	1,701	1,741	1,739	1,760	1,775	1,770	2,994	3,090	3,078
CO	99	102	100	1,830	1,845	1,830	181	188	183
FL	140	138	138	1,435	1,450	1,500	201	200	207
ID	412	435	435	1,800	1,800	1,800	742	783	783
IL	108	106	105	1,610	1,540	1,620	174	163	170
IN	145	155	154	1,695	1,600	1,630	246	248	251
IA	196	188	187	1,680	1,700	1,715	329	320	321
KS	111	111	109	1,695	1,680	1,730	188	186	189
KY	112	110	110	1,090	1,055	1,080	122	116	119
MI	300	307	306	1,780	1,730	1,770	534	531	542
MN	465	460	460	1,505	1,475	1,510	700	679	695
MO	125	119	118	1,265	1,270	1,300	158	151	153
NM	325	321	319	1,760	1,650	1,710	572	530	545
NY	658	650	650	1,490	1,485	1,535	980	965	998
OH	258	266	267	1,450	1,450	1,460	374	386	390
OR	118	120	120	1,565	1,570	1,565	185	188	188
PA	563	565	564	1,500	1,490	1,540	845	842	869
TX	317	319	318	1,660	1,555	1,655	526	496	526
VT	146	143	143	1,515	1,515	1,560	221	217	223
VA	105	104	105	1,410	1,420	1,450	148	148	152
WA	240	235	235	1,895	1,925	1,945	455	452	457
WI	1,245	1,236	1,235	1,505	1,490	1,510	1,874	1,842	1,865
23 STS	8,044	8,097	8,082	1,624	1,610	1,637	13,061	13,037	13,229

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 for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 129,000 head on February 1, 2005, compared to the total of 126,000 head on January 1, 2005. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 18,000 head, an increase of 4,000 head from the December 2004 total of 14,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 13,000 head. Other disappearance totaled 2,000 head for the month of January.

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 February 1, 2005. The inventory was 2 percent above February 1, 2004 and 6 percent above February 1, 2003. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.89 million, 7 percent above 2004 but 10 percent below 2003. Net placements were 1.81 million. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.78 million, up slightly from 2004 but down 10 percent from 2003. Other disappearance totaled 74,000 during January, 21 percent below 2004 and 1 percent below 2003.

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

	Number on Feed			Placed			Marketed			Other Disappearance ^{2/}		
	2/1/04	1/1/05	2/1/05	-----DURING-----								
				1/04	12/04	1/05	1/04	12/04	1/05	1/04	12/04	1/05
	-----1,000 Head-----											
AZ	296	331	325	32	33	27	26	30	30	3	1	3
CA	500	535	525	55	72	59	60	62	63	5	5	6
CO	1,040	1,080	1,060	165	135	175	160	145	185	5	10	10
ID	275	295	265	41	55	37	64	62	66	2	3	1
IA	385	450	465	64	71	77	47	55	60	2	1	2
KS	2,420	2,410	2,420	455	490	475	440	450	450	25	20	15
NE	2,280	2,300	2,350	380	390	425	360	380	360	20	10	15
NM	117	126	129	17	14	18	13	15	13	2	2	2
OK	350	350	350	50	53	55	53	52	52	2	6	3
SD	200	192	205	30	42	41	29	34	26	1	2	2
TX	2,770	2,700	2,720	390	405	425	430	420	395	20	25	10
WA	*195	190	190	*29	39	30	*33	32	29	1	2	1
Oth Sts	310	*340	330	46	35	41	60	40	47	6	5	4
US	*11,138	*11,299	11,334	*1,754	1,834	1,885	*1,775	1,777	1,776	94	92	74

* Revised. ^{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.

QUARTERLY FARM LABOR

NEW MEXICO-ARIZONA: There were 19,000 hired workers on farms and ranches in New Mexico and Arizona during the week of January 9th - 15th, 2005, down 17% from October. Average hours worked increased to 45.2 hours, down up 2.7% from October and slightly more than January 2004. Field worker wage rates increased 26 cents from last January to \$7.70 per hour, while livestock workers rose 43 cents to \$8.41 per hour. Overall, wage rates for all hired agricultural workers improved to \$8.61 an hour, up 24 cents compared to this time last year.

UNITED STATES: There were 749,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 9-15,2005, down 12 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 574,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 175,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.81 per hour during the January 2005 reference week, up 40 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.73 per hour, up 34 cents from last January, while livestock workers earned \$9.19 per hour compared with \$8.83 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.91 per hour, was up 36 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 36.8 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 3 percent from a year ago.

Workers on Farms, Hours worked Per Week, and Wage Rates for All Hired Workers,
 Selected Regions and U.S., January 03-04 ^{1/}

	Mountain II ^{2/}			Mountain III ^{3/}			Southern Plains ^{4/}			United States ^{5/}		
	Jan 11-17 2004	Oct 10-16 2004	Jan 9-15 2005	Jan 11-17 2004	Oct 10-16 2004	Jan 9-15 2005	Jan 11-17 2004	Oct 10-16 2004	Jan 9-15 2005	Jan 11-17 2004	Oct 10-16 2004	Jan 9-15 2005
	-----Thousands-----											
Workers on Farms												
All Hired Workers	17	19	17	16	23	19	60	44	50	662	851	574
	-----Hours Per Week-----											
Hours Worked												
All Hired Workers	39.7	41.6	43.4	44.9	44.0	45.2	34.0	40.3	37.0	38.1	40.5	36.8
	-----Dollars Per Hours-----											
Wages By Work Type												
Field	8.75	8.32	7.37	7.44	7.03	7.70	7.46	8.44	8.01	8.39	*8.62	8.73
Livestock	8.81	8.95	9.65	7.98	8.04	8.41	7.97	8.68	9.35	8.83	8.91	9.19
Field & Livestock	8.80	8.56	8.83	7.69	7.36	8.02	7.73	8.53	8.75	8.55	*8.69	8.91
All Workers	9.80	9.40	9.93	8.37	7.75	8.61	8.43	9.34	9.56	9.41	*9.32	9.81

^{1/} Excludes agricultural service workers. ^{2/} Mountain Region II consists of CO, NV & UT. ^{3/} Mountain Region III consists of AZ & NM. ^{4/} Southern Plains region consists of OK & TX. ^{5/} Excludes AK. *Revised.