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Weather Summary Agricultural Prices Received Honey ARMS

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WEATHER SUMMARY

The main weather feature for the week was a storm system that brought low elevation rain and high elevation snow to the state late in the week. This storm favored the western and central regions of the state. Gran Quivira (1.04 inches) reported the greatest amount of precipitation. Temperatures were generally near normal to a few degrees below normal. The statewide average was between 1 and 2 degrees below normal.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 6, 2005

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	02/28 03/06	03/01 03/06	Normal Mar	01/01 03/06	Normal Jan-Mar
Farmington	42.1	61	27	0.01	0.01	0.81	3.38	1.97
Gallup	37.8	53	18	0.39	0.39	1.05	4.15	2.59
Capulin	35.1	57	15	0.01	0.01	0.89	1.61	1.85
Chama	30.2	50	8	0.04	0.04	1.99	7.17	5.34
Johnson Ranch	36.3	54	18	0.19	0.19	0.74	2.36	1.98
Las Vegas	37.5	55	17	0.03	0.03	0.63	2.31	1.71
Los Alamos	36.8	49	26	0.11	0.11	1.22	4.83	2.88
Raton	37.1	60	13	0.00	0.00	0.83	2.91	1.84
Red River	26.8	47	4	0.67	0.67	1.78	5.52	4.07
Santa Fe	38.5	56	19	0.41	0.41	0.74	4.16	2.06
Clayton	43.9	64	22	0.00	0.00	0.55	1.86	1.10
Clovis	46.7	67	27	0.03	0.03	0.59	3.19	1.49
Roy	39.2	58	18	0.00	0.00	0.55	2.76	1.32
Tucumcari	46.7	67	24	0.13	0.13	0.40	2.87	1.13
Grants	36.9	55	17	0.49	0.49	0.50	2.74	1.50
Quemado	36.8	54	17	0.39	0.39	0.80	2.80	2.35
Silver City	35.4	60	25	0.00	0.00	0.96	7.66	3.37
Albuquerque	44.7	59	29	0.31	0.31	0.54	3.47	1.44
Carrizozo	--	---	--	0.47	0.47	0.57	4.32	1.74
Socorro	33.5	63	27	0.51	0.51	0.27	3.00	1.05
Gran Quivira	42.1	59	26	1.04	1.04	0.72	4.42	2.24
Moriarty	37.7	58	15	0.15	0.15	0.53	3.15	1.44
Ruidoso	33.8	56	24	0.07	0.07	1.33	4.89	3.61
Carlsbad	52.2	71	32	0.05	0.05	0.30	1.78	1.00
Roswell	48.3	69	29	0.00	0.00	0.45	1.93	1.34
Tatum	46.3	67	27	0.01	0.01	0.52	2.11	1.41
Alamogordo	50.9	65	36	0.19	0.19	0.46	4.52	1.67
Animas	49.1	65	33	0.38	0.38	0.47	4.46	1.66
Deming	49.1	68	27	0.24	0.24	0.34	3.15	1.36
Las Cruces	49.6	67	32	0.14	0.14	0.22	3.59	1.05
T or C	49.9	66	32	0.33	0.33	0.34	2.74	1.18

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

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

HONEY

NEW MEXICO: Honey production from producers with five or more colonies totaled 352,000 pounds from 8,000 colonies in 2004, for a yield of 44 pounds per colony. This compares to 246,000 pounds from 6,000 colonies in 2003. The 2004 average price was \$1.22 per pound with a value of production of \$429,000. Stocks on December 15th totaled 127,000 pounds, up 17.6 percent from the previous year's 108,000 pounds.

UNITED STATES: Honey production in 2004 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 184 million pounds, up 1 percent from 2003. There were 2.56 million colonies producing honey in 2004, down 2 percent from 2003. Yield per colony averaged 71.8 pounds, up 3 percent from the 69.9 pounds in 2003. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced, therefore yields per colony may be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 61.2 million pounds on December 15, 2004, up 50 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value, Selected States and U.S., 2004 ^{1/}

State	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield Per Colony	Production	Stocks Dec 15 ^{2/}	Average Price Per Pound ^{3/}	Value of Production
	-----1,000-----	---Pounds---	-----1,000 Pounds-----	-----Cents-----	-----1,000 Dollars----	
AL	12	87	1,044	282	140	1,462
AZ	32	55	1,760	774	115	2,024
AR	40	57	2,280	388	90	2,052
CA	390	45	17,550	5,792	101	17,726
CO	23	80	1,840	791	148	2,723
FL	205	98	20,090	2,009	100	20,090
GA	63	49	3,087	648	118	3,643
HI	8	96	768	77	141	1,083
ID	100	63	6,300	2,520	101	6,363
IL	7	55	385	193	193	743
IN	7	59	413	145	158	653
IA	35	67	2,345	1,337	128	3,002
KS	14	80	1,120	683	123	1,378
LA	35	98	3,430	240	79	2,710
ME	7	31	217	37	127	276
MI	65	67	4,355	2,439	117	5,095
MN	135	75	10,125	1,924	104	10,530
MS	18	65	1,170	421	80	936
MO	16	41	656	151	137	899
MT	140	77	10,780	3,773	106	11,427
NE	51	89	4,539	2,043	107	4,857
NV	14	55	770	316	330	2,541
NJ	12	27	324	45	138	447
NM	8	44	352	127	122	429
NY	64	67	4,288	1,887	133	5,703
NC	9	40	360	72	218	785
ND	390	78	30,420	9,126	105	31,941
OH	16	58	928	353	150	1,392
OR	42	54	2,268	1,111	124	2,812
PA	30	54	1,620	810	138	2,236
SD	215	105	22,575	13,545	106	23,930
TN	6	54	324	91	172	557
TX	116	76	8,816	1,411	96	8,463
UT	23	70	1,610	531	104	1,674
VT	6	68	408	192	145	592
VA	7	38	266	69	213	567
WA	56	63	3,528	1,376	103	3,634
WV	9	55	495	183	142	703
WI	68	86	5,848	2,632	133	7,778
WY	39	75	2,925	380	109	3,188
Other States ^{4/ 5/}	23	52	1,203	298	228	2,746
U.S. ^{5/ 6/}	2,556	71.8	183,582	61,222	108.5	201,790

^{1/} For producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one state were counted in each State. ^{2/} Stocks held by producers. ^{3/} Prices weighted by sales. ^{4/} CT, DE, KY, MD, MA, NH, OK, RI, and SC not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. ^{5/} Total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production. ^{6/} U.S. value of production is U.S. production multiplied by U.S. price per pound.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES RECEIVED

NEW MEXICO: Hay prices in New Mexico for the month of February were \$120.00 per ton, unchanged from the January price. Alfalfa prices also remained unchanged from the previous month, remaining at \$123.00 per ton. February cow prices increased 7.5 percent from the January price of \$51.80 to \$55.70 per hundredweight, and were \$2.90 above the national average price of \$52.80 per hundredweight. Steer and heifer prices remained steady from the previous month's price of \$106.00 per hundredweight and were \$12.20 above the national average of \$93.80 per hundredweight. Calf prices rose by \$2.00 to \$127.00 per hundredweight, \$1.00 below the national average of \$128.00. Milk prices dropped by \$0.80 to \$14.90 per hundredweight and were \$0.50 below the national average of \$15.40 per hundredweight.

Prices Received by Farmers: Selected Commodities, January 2004 and February 2004-05

Commodity	Unit	New Mexico			U.S. ^{1/}
		Feb. 2004 ^{2/}	Jan. 2005 ^{2/}	Feb. 2005 ^{1/}	Feb.
-----Dollars-----					
CROPS					
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	-	-	-	2.98
Cotton, Upland	Lb.	-	-	-	.381
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	5.44
Hay, all baled	Ton	138.00	120.00	120.00	84.70
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	141.00	123.00	123.00	91.90
Peanuts	Lb.	-	-	-	.189
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	2.02
Wheat, All	Bu.	-	-	-	3.38
LIVESTOCK					
Sheep ^{3/}	Cwt.	-	-	-	53.50
Lambs ^{3/}	Cwt.	-	-	-	114.00
Cows	Cwt.	47.20	51.80	55.70	52.80
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	88.00	106.00	106.00	93.80
Calves	Cwt.	105.00	125.00	127.00	128.00
Milk	Cwt.	13.00	15.70	14.90	15.40

^{1/} Mid-month ^{2/} Entire month ^{3/} January - entire month

CHALLENGING TIMES CALL FOR POWERFUL FACTS

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

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