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Crop Weather Crop Values Annual Livestock Slaughter

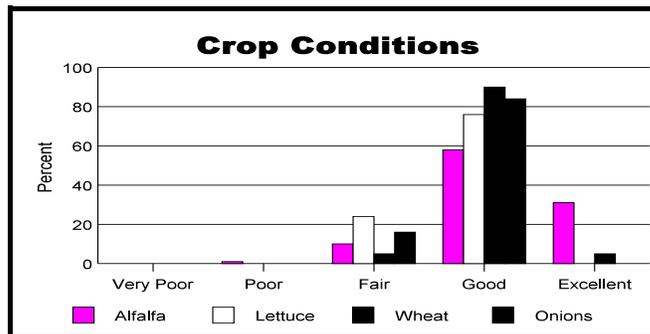
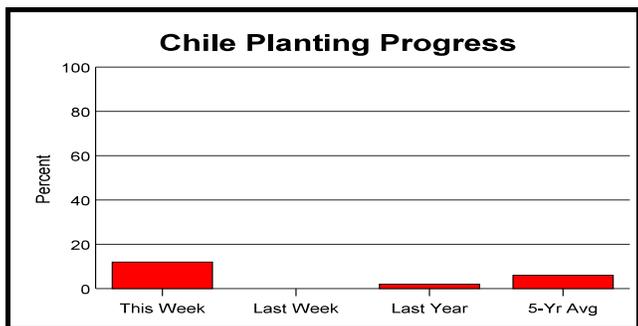
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 13, 2005

NEW MEXICO: There were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 4% very short, 12% short, 75% adequate, and 9% surplus. Freeze damage was 7% light and 4% moderate. Wind damage was 15% light and 5% moderate. Farmers were busy with land preparation, fertilizing, fighting weeds, and planting chile and onions. Alfalfa was in mostly fair to excellent condition. Lettuce was listed as 24% fair and 76% excellent. Onions were 16% fair and 84% good, and 80% planted. Chile was 12% planted. Wheat was in mostly good condition and 48% was being grazed. Ranchers were busy calving and shipping. Supplemental feeding is decreasing. Cattle were listed as 2% poor, 39% fair, 49% good, and 10% excellent. Sheep were 1% poor, 34% fair, and 65% good. Range and pasture was listed as 1% very poor, 7% poor, 45% fair, 45% good, and 2% excellent.

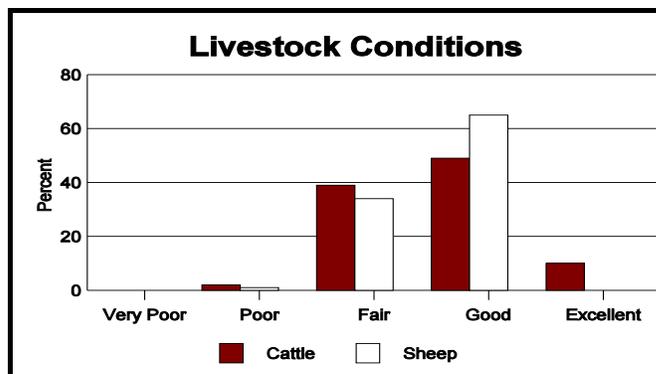
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Planted	12	N/A	2	6
ONIONS	Planted	80	N/A	95	N/A
WHEAT (ALL)	Grazed	48	N/A	23	N/A



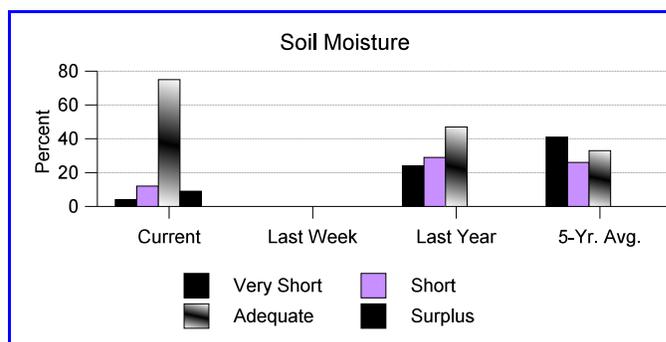
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	--	1	10	58	31
Lettuce	--	--	24	76	--
Onions	--	--	16	84	--
Wheat (All)	--	--	5	90	5
Cattle	--	2	39	49	10
Sheep	--	1	34	65	--
Range/Pasture	1	7	45	45	2



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	45	35	20	--
Northeast	--	12	81	7
Southwest	5	5	84	6
Southeast	--	10	76	14
State Current	4	12	75	9
State-Last Week	--	--	--	--
State-Last Year	24	29	47	--
State-5-Yr Avg.	41	26	33	--



WEATHER SUMMARY

For much of the week, mainly clear skies and above normal temperatures were the norm across New Mexico. A weak cold front moved through the East on Thursday ushering in some cooler temperatures and gusty winds. Temperatures on Saturday were above normal statewide but by Sunday, a winter storm had moved into the state. A potent cold front resulted in significant temperature decreases across the northeast, with a decrease of over 40 degrees in Clayton. Precipitation was highest across the northeast with Moriarty reporting .87 inches of liquid water and 10 inches of snow (through 700 am Monday).

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - MARCH 7 - 13, 2005

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	03/07	03/01	Normal	01/01	Normal
				03/13	03/13	Mar	03/13	Jan-Mar
Farmington	47.9	69	28	0.00	0.01	0.81	2.91	1.97
Gallup	46.1	67	26	0.43	0.82	1.05	4.63	2.59
Capulin	20.3	59	16	0.19	0.20	0.89	1.80	1.85
Chama	37.4	60	16	0.00	0.04	1.99	8.64	5.34
Johnson Ranch	41.7	65	21	0.00	0.38	0.74	2.74	1.98
Las Vegas	42.6	73	20	0.22	0.25	0.63	3.00	1.71
Los Alamos	44.8	62	29	0.03	0.14	1.22	4.88	2.88
Raton	40.4	74	14	0.24	0.24	0.83	3.14	1.84
Red River	34.6	54	14	0.00	0.67	1.78	5.86	4.07
Santa Fe	45.7	70	26	0.00	0.41	0.74	4.13	2.06
Clayton	46.1	80	25	0.08	0.08	0.55	2.29	1.10
Clovis	50.3	80	29	0.00	0.03	0.59	3.09	1.49
Roy	44.7	74	21	0.00	0.00	0.55	2.76	1.32
Tucumcari	50.5	83	29	0.02	0.15	0.40	2.91	1.13
Grants	44.4	68	20	0.03	0.52	0.50	3.05	1.50
Quemado	30.1	67	19	0.00	0.39	0.80	2.80	2.35
Silver City	48.8	74	28	0.00	0.00	0.96	7.66	3.37
Albuquerque	51.8	74	34	0.08	0.39	0.54	3.55	1.44
Carrizozo	31.5	100	29	1.35	1.82	0.57	5.67	1.74
Socorro	52.1	77	29	0.01	0.52	0.27	3.23	1.05
Gran Quivera	48.1	68	26	0.00	1.04	0.72	4.60	2.24
Moriarty	43.9	71	19	0.08	0.23	0.53	3.34	1.44
Ruidoso	44.5	64	23	0.00	0.07	1.33	5.29	3.61
Carlsbad	53.9	80	34	0.06	0.11	0.30	2.48	1.00
Roswell	52.1	82	30	0.13	0.13	0.45	2.07	1.34
Tatum	49.9	79	29	0.01	0.02	0.52	2.14	1.41
Alamogordo	55.9	74	40	0.00	0.19	0.46	4.52	1.67
Animas	45.8	75	34	0.00	0.38	0.47	4.57	1.66
Deming	54.4	76	31	0.00	0.24	0.34	3.16	1.36
Las Cruces	55.1	77	37	0.01	0.15	0.22	3.60	1.05
T or C	56.4	78	36	0.00	0.33	0.34	2.64	1.18

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

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

CROP VALUES

NEW MEXICO: The total value of production for principal crops in New Mexico increased by 4.5 percent from the total value in 2003 of \$452 million to the 2004 value of \$472 million. The total value of principle crops for the U.S. decreased by 2.7 percent during the same time period. New Mexico crops that showed an increase in value include sorghum for grain, all wheat, peanuts, cottonseed, other hay, potatoes, Upland and Pima cotton. The value of production for corn for grain and alfalfa hay decreased in 2004.

Value of Production: Selected Crops, New Mexico and U.S., 2003 - 2004

Commodity	New Mexico				United States				
	Unit	Price Per Unit		Value of Production		Price Per Unit		Value of Production	
		2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
		-----Dollars-----		-----\$1,000-----		-----Dollars-----		-----\$1,000-----	
Corn for Grain	Bu.	2.96	2.35	25,574	24,534	2.42	1.95	24,476,803	23,032,795
Sorghum for Grain	Bu.	4.45	3.50	4,172	8,295	4.26	3.05	964,978	839,210
All Wheat	Bu.	3.30	3.15	13,860	24,570	3.40	3.38	7,929,039	7,191,798
Peanuts	Lb.	0.230	0.240	10,557	14,280	0.193	0.196	799,428	834,380
Cottonseed	Ton	145.00	117.00	4,582	5,967	117.00	105.00	778,994	874,280
Upland Cotton ^{1/}	Lb.	0.563	0.555	18,917	33,300	0.618	0.460	5,266,078	4,948,884
A-P Cotton	Lb.	1.100	0.800	6,970	7,670	1.210	0.993	250,683	350,675
Alfalfa Hay ^{2/}	Ton	144.00	123.00	162,288	144,648	90.80	97.50	6,724,537	6,977,603
Other Hay ^{2/}	Ton	118.00	102.00	18,172	19,278	70.90	70.00	5,282,246	5,219,751
All Potatoes ^{3/}	Cwt.	4.80	5.90	10,260	12,185	5.89	5.62	2,685,822	2,564,165

^{1/} Value of Production based on 480-lb. net weight bale. ^{2/} Baled hay. ^{3/} The value of production is the sum of the value of production of the seasonal groups.

Crop Values: Summary by Selected States and U.S., 2003-2004

State	2003				2004			
	Field & Misc Crops	Fruits & Nuts	Commercial Vegetables	Total Value of Principal Crops	Field & Misc Crops	Fruits & Nuts	Commercial Vegetables	Total Value of Principal Crops
	-----1,000 Dollars-----							
AZ	505,628	72,508	628,317	1,206,453	509,108	70,668	858,010	1,438,219
CA	3,003,402	7,930,884	5,919,764	16,854,050	3,172,686	9,055,457	5,903,600	18,131,743
CO	1,124,847	17,869	97,058	1,239,774	1,019,614	18,523	115,181	1,153,318
ID	1,729,261	23,964	65,837	1,819,062	1,970,402	29,777	58,684	2,058,863
KS	3,540,944	2,451	---	3,543,395	3,403,029	3,762	---	3,406,791
MO	2,862,795	14,460	15,461	2,892,716	2,985,367	13,597	12,847	3,011,811
MT	1,083,292	3,163	---	1,086,455	1,235,957	4,473	---	1,240,430
NV	152,698	---	33,582	186,280	169,016	---	37,408	206,424
NM	278,510	70,953	102,484	451,947	299,164	82,445	90,618	472,227
ND	3,544,203	---	---	3,544,203	2,972,380	---	---	2,972,380
OK	1,170,157	7,010	5,628	1,182,795	1,196,973	34,860	5,880	1,237,713
SD	2,722,034	---	---	2,722,034	2,550,808	---	---	2,550,808
TX	3,925,465	100,122	460,210	4,485,797	4,452,027	114,504	366,252	4,932,783
UT	250,546	18,960	7,259	276,765	261,230	16,668	4,699	282,597
WY	285,464	---	---	285,464	247,451	---	---	247,451
Oth Sts	56,064,990	5,069,738	3,804,597	64,939,315	51,559,082	5,176,969	3,754,655	60,490,273
U.S.	82,244,236	13,332,082	11,140,197	106,716,515	78,004,294	14,621,703	11,207,834	103,833,831

ANNUAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

NEW MEXICO: Commercial cattle slaughter in New Mexico totaled 13,100 head during 2004 compared to 25,100 head in 2003. The average live weight was 972 pounds, an increase of 53 pounds from 2003. Number of **commercial hog slaughter** totaled 2,100, down from the 2,600 slaughtered the previous year. Average live weight was 306 pounds, an increase of 94 pounds over the average live weight in 2003. **Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter** totaled 21,500, down from the 24,700 slaughtered in 2003. The average live weight was 135 pounds compared to 104 pounds in 2003.

UNITED STATES: Commercial cattle slaughter during 2004 totaled 32.7 million head, down 8 percent from 2003, with federal inspection comprising 98.2 percent of the total. The average live weight was 1,240 pounds, up 9 pounds from a year ago. **Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 103 million head, up 3 percent from 2003 with 98.9 percent of the hogs slaughtered under federal inspection. The average live weight was up 1 pound from last year, at 267 pounds. Barrows and gilts comprised 96.6 percent of the total federally inspected slaughter. **Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter**, at 2.84 million head, was down 5 percent from 2003 with 94.3 percent comprised by federal inspection. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from 2003 to 136 pounds.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter, New Mexico and U.S., 2003-2004 ^{1/}

	New Mexico						United States					
	Number Slaughtered		Total Live weight		Average Live weight		Number Slaughtered		Total Live weight		Average Live weight	
	'03	'04	'03	'04	'03	'04	'03	'04	'03	'04	'03	'04
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Cattle	25.1	13.1	23,107	12,731	919	972	35,493.4	32,728.3	43,704,742	40,589,097	1,231	1,240
Calves ^{2/}	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,000.8	842.4	317,892	278,199	318	330
Hogs	2.6	2.1	547	632	212	306	100,930.7	103,463.4	26,875,745	27,588,318	266	267
Sheep/Lambs	24.7	21.5	2,567	2,914	104	135	2,978.8	2,839.3	398,565	386,938	134	136

^{1/} Includes slaughter under Federal Inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter. ^{2/} State data included in U.S. total. Data not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.