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Crop Weather Agricultural Prices 2004 Chile Production

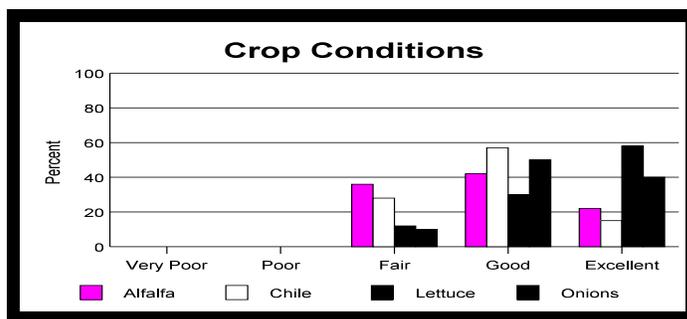
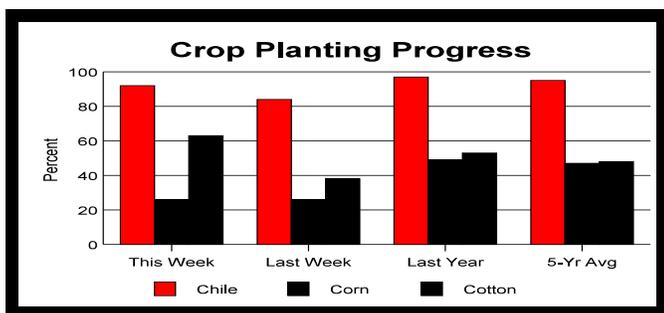
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 1, 2005

NEW MEXICO: There were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 1% very short, 31% short, 66% adequate, and 2% surplus. Wind damage was 26% light, 15% moderate, and 1% severe. Freeze damage was 6% light and 1% moderate. Farmers were busy with land preparation, planting chile, corn and cotton. Alfalfa conditions were reported as 36% fair, 42% good and 22% excellent with the first cutting 53% complete. Last week's Alfalfa first cutting has been revised to 52%. Cotton progress was 63% planted and corn was 26% planted. Total wheat condition was reported as 16% fair, 56% good, and 28% excellent with 31% being grazed. Lettuce condition was 12% fair, 30% good and 58% excellent. Chile condition was 28% fair, 57% good and 15% excellent with 92% planted. Onion condition was in 10% fair, 50% good and 40% excellent. Cattle conditions were 4% poor, 25% fair, 56% good, and 15% excellent. Sheep were reported as 3% very poor, 5% poor, 39% fair, 46% good, and 7% excellent. Range and pasture conditions were 2% very poor, 9% poor, 32% fair, 54% good and 3% excellent. Ranchers were busy branding calves and are still supplemental feeding.

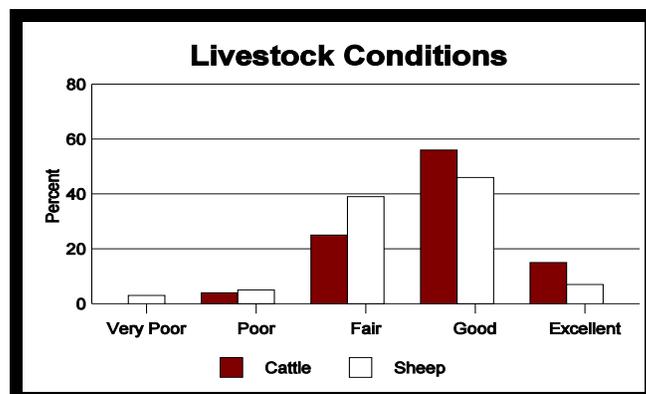
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Planted	92	84	97	95
CORN	Planted	26	26	49	47
COTTON	Planted	63	38	53	48
WHEAT (ALL)	Grazed	31	26	N/A	N/A



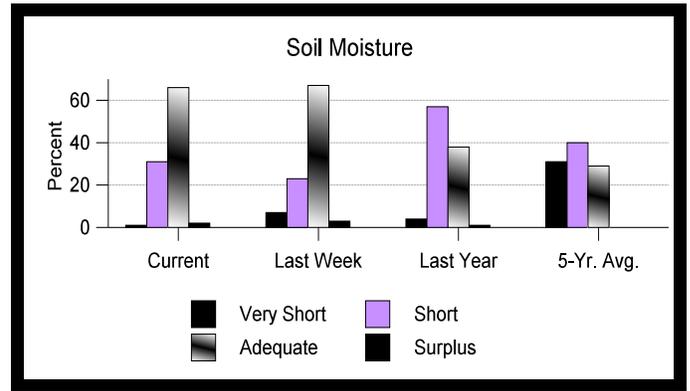
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	--	--	36	42	22
Apples	--	--	100	--	--
Chile	--	--	28	57	15
Lettuce	--	--	12	30	58
Onions	--	--	10	50	40
Wheat (All)	--	--	16	56	28
Cattle	--	4	25	56	15
Sheep	3	5	39	46	7
Range/Pasture	2	9	32	54	3



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	3	25	70	2
Northeast	--	28	68	4
Southwest	--	50	50	--
Southeast	--	31	69	--
State Current	1	31	66	2
State-Last Week	7	23	67	3
State-Last Year	4	57	38	1
State-5-Yr Avg.	31	40	29	--



WEATHER SUMMARY

It was a cooler than normal week across New Mexico, especially across the north and east with averages around 10 degrees below normal. Two weather systems brought a variety of precipitation to the state. The east slopes of the Sangre de Cristo mountains as well as the Northeast Highlands picked up snow accumulations early in the week, and then again on Sunday. For the remainder of the week, a few showers and thunderstorms across the north resulted in near daily precipitation reports from Chama and Red River.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - APRIL 25 - May 1, 2005

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	04/25 05/01	05/01 05/01	Normal May	01/01 05/01	Normal Jan-May
Farmington	50.5	69	35	0.17	0.02	0.67	4.21	3.15
Gallup	48.3	65	31	0.13	0.00	0.51	6.14	3.74
Capulin	39.9	61	27	0.44	0.15	2.30	6.00	5.16
Chama	36.9	58	20	1.41	0.03	1.11	12.30	7.72
Johnson Ranch	45.0	65	24	0.10	0.00	0.62	4.52	3.09
Las Vegas	46.0	64	28	0.11	0.04	1.82	4.80	4.36
Los Alamos	44.2	65	29	0.19	0.09	1.17	8.29	5.05
Raton	43.2	64	28	0.23	0.05	2.27	6.84	5.17
Red River	38.1	51	25	1.62	0.67	1.77	10.67	7.52
Santa Fe	46.6	66	29	0.05	0.00	1.22	6.54	4.09
Clayton	45.7	68	32	0.43	0.42	1.99	5.32	4.03
Clovis	54.6	80	35	0.00	0.00	1.87	4.60	4.17
Roy	47.4	68	30	0.00	0.00	1.84	5.14	3.98
Tucumcari	52.6	76	35	0.56	0.09	1.49	5.45	3.49
Grants	48.6	70	29	0.00	0.00	0.53	3.88	2.48
Quemado	45.4	66	22	0.00	0.00	0.50	3.59	3.45
Silver City	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.30	8.06	4.20
Albuquerque	55.6	72	41	0.00	0.00	0.50	5.42	2.46
Carrizozo	53.4	73	32	0.43	0.00	0.62	5.85	2.72
Socorro	54.9	77	35	0.00	0.00	0.52	3.77	1.93
Gran Quivera	52.1	70	29	0.00	0.00	0.82	5.82	3.70
Moriarty	48.6	66	32	0.17	0.00	0.97	5.90	3.07
Ruidoso	48.1	65	29	0.00	0.00	0.87	6.61	5.11
Carlsbad	62.6	88	40	0.00	0.00	1.16	3.44	2.65
Roswell	56.6	84	37	0.17	0.00	1.24	3.01	3.23
Tatum	55.1	83	33	0.01	0.00	2.09	2.82	4.14
Alamogordo	61.5	81	42	0.00	0.00	0.45	5.72	2.38
Animas	59.7	83	36	0.00	0.00	0.18	4.78	2.04
Deming	58.9	82	37	0.00	0.00	0.19	3.78	1.73
Las Cruces	61.1	82	41	0.00	0.00	0.29	3.83	1.55
T or C	59.8	79	41	0.00	0.00	0.49	3.14	1.89

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

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

AGRICULTURAL PRICES RECEIVED

Alfalfa hay prices in May remained steady at \$124.00 per ton. The average U.S. price was \$103.00 per ton. All hay prices also remained unchanged from the March 2005 price of \$121.00 per ton with the U.S. average price at \$96.90. Cow prices increased by \$1.30 to \$56.90 per hundredweight, \$0.20 cents below the national average of \$57.10. Steer and heifer prices increased \$2.00 to \$109.00 per hundredweight from the March price of \$107.00. This price was \$13.40 above the national average of \$95.60. Calf prices rose to \$136.00 per hundredweight, \$3.00 below the U.S. average of \$139.00 per hundredweight. Prices for milk cow replacements for New Mexico were \$1,780 compared to \$1,770 for the national average. Milk prices were down by \$0.10 cents to \$14.50 per hundredweight and were \$0.90 cents below the national average of \$15.40.

Prices Received by Farmers: Selected Commodities, March 2005 and April 2004-05

Commodity	Unit	New Mexico			U.S. ^{1/}
		Apr 2004 ^{2/}	Mar 2005 ^{2/}	Apr 2005 ^{1/}	Apr
-----Dollars-----					
CROPS					
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	-	-	-	2.88
Cotton, Upland	Lb.	-	-	-	.420
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	6.08
Hay, all baled	Ton	136.00	121.00	121.00	96.90
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	141.00	124.00	124.00	103.00
Peanuts	Lb.	-	-	-	.181
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	1.94
Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	3.27
LIVESTOCK					
Sheep ^{3/}	Cwt.	-	-	-	48.20
Lambs ^{3/}	Cwt.	-	-	-	114.00
Cows	Cwt.	49.70	55.60	56.90	57.10
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	95.90	107.00	109.00	95.60
Calves	Cwt.	115.00	133.00	136.00	139.00
Milk Cow Replacement ^{4/}	Head	1,590	---	1,780	1,770
Milk	Cwt.	16.00	14.60	14.50	15.40

^{1/} Mid-month ^{2/} Entire month ^{3/} March - entire month ^{4/} Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published Jan., Apr., Jul. And Oct.

2004 NEW MEXICO CHILE PRODUCTION

New Mexico chile production bounced back from the previous year to 106,850 tons, 25 percent above 2003. The increase stems from an increase in harvested acreage, estimated at 15,400 acres, and higher yields.

Overall state yields were much higher than the previous year with green long mild averaging 14.5 tons per acre, green long hot averaged 8.7 tons per acre and Cayenne averaged 9.9 tons per acre.

The value of New Mexico chile was estimated at \$50.33 million, 23 percent above the previous year.

2004 Chile Acreage and Production by District & County

County	Planted Acreage			Harvested Acreage			Production (Tons)		
	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003	2004
Districts 10 & 30	800	300	500	600	200	300	2,610	840	1,170
District 70	9,200	8,800	8,400	8,500	8,600	8,100	59,830	55,810	63,060
Hidalgo	2,600	2,900	2,900	2,400	2,800	2,700	13,700	8,630	10,880
Luna	5,600	5,100	4,400	5,300	5,000	4,300	42,050	43,680	46,410
Other Counties	1,000	800	1,100	800	800	1,100	4,080	3,500	5,770
District 90	8,000	6,700	7,400	7,700	5,900	7,000	33,960	28,710	42,620
Chaves	1,100	1,000	1,100	1,100	500	1,100	2,880	1,450	3,810
Doña Ana	4,500	3,500	4,200	4,400	3,400	3,900	27,170	24,410	34,830
Other Counties	2,400	2,200	2,100	2,200	2,000	2,000	3,910	2,850	3,980
State	18,000	15,800	16,300	16,800	14,700	15,400	96,400	85,360	106,850