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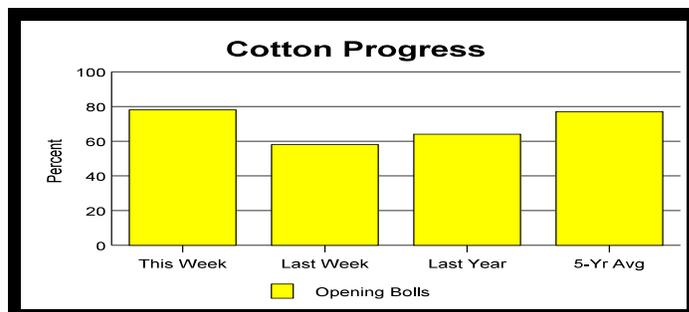
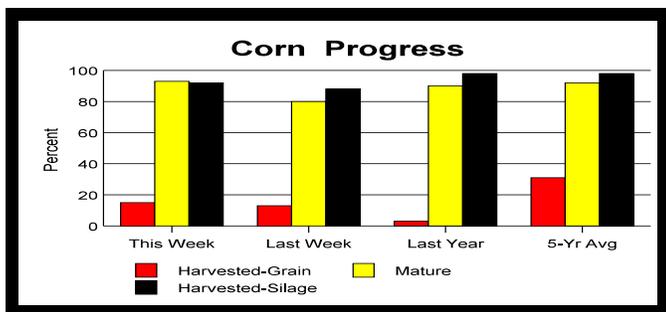
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**CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 2, 2005**

**NEW MEXICO:** There were 6.6 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 20% very short, 30% short, 49% adequate, and 1% surplus. Wind damage was 8% light and 8% moderate. There was some pecan wind damage reported in Doña Ana County. Farmers were busy with irrigation and harvesting hay, silage, grains, chile, cotton, peanuts, watermelon, cantaloupe, and pumpkins. Alfalfa was in fair to excellent condition, with 95% of the 5<sup>th</sup> cutting complete, 59% of the 6<sup>th</sup> cutting complete, and 22% of the 7<sup>th</sup> cutting complete. Northern counties are working on earlier cuttings. Cotton was listed as fair to excellent, with 78% of bolls opening and harvest had just begun a 4% complete. Corn was in fair to excellent condition. The crop was 93% mature and 15% of the grain corn was harvested. Corn for silage was 92% harvested. Sorghum was in mostly poor to good condition, with 80% coloring, 15% mature, and 1% harvested for grain. Sorghum silage was also being cut. Winter wheat was in mostly fair to good condition. Planting had reached 94% complete and 82% had emerged. Army worm problems have been reported with emerging wheat. Peanuts were listed as fair to good with 10% harvested. Lettuce was fair to excellent and harvest is expected to begin soon. Chile was in mostly fair to excellent condition. Green chile was 86% harvested and red chile was 3% harvested. Fall onions were 25% planted. Pecans were reported in fair to excellent condition. Ranchers spent the week marketing calves, culling herds, and contracting winter feed. Cattle were 6% poor, 22% fair, 68% good, and 4% excellent. Sheep were listed as 1% very poor, 5% poor, 27% fair, 60% good, and 7% excellent. Range and pasture conditions were reported as 5% very poor, 23% poor, 36% fair, 33% good, and 3% excellent.

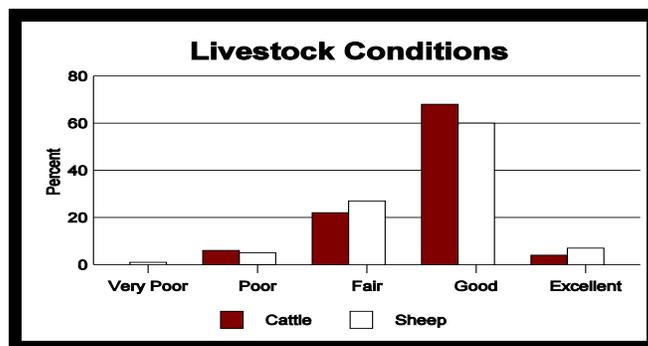
**CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS**

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
APPLES	Harvested	84	75	65	65
CHILE	Harvested-Green	86	85	96	93
CORN	Harvested-Grain	15	13	3	31
CORN	Mature	93	80	90	92
CORN	Harvested-Silage	92	88	98	98
COTTON	Opening Bolls	78	58	64	77
PEANUTS	Harvested	10	7	5	14
SORGHUM	Mature	15	11	9	25
SORGHUM	Coloring	80	52	64	78
WHEAT	Emerged	82	50	76	60



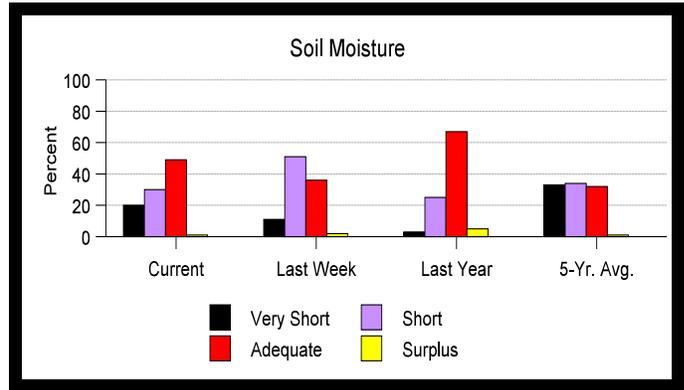
**CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	--	--	29	45	26
Chile	--	8	27	49	16
Corn	--	--	22	60	18
Cotton	--	--	27	44	29
Lettuce	--	--	13	52	35
Peanuts	--	--	20	80	--
Pecan	--	--	14	32	54
Sorghum (All)	--	16	38	45	1
Cattle	--	6	22	68	4
Sheep	1	5	27	60	7
Range/Pasture	5	23	36	33	3
Wheat (All)	--	8	46	46	--



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	23	57	20	--
Northeast	8	32	58	2
Southwest	57	10	33	--
Southeast	--	13	87	--
State Current	20	30	49	1
State-Last Week	11	51	36	2
State-Last Year	3	25	67	5
State-5-Yr Avg.	33	34	32	1



WEATHER SUMMARY

Unusually warm temperatures were recorded for much of the week across the state despite a mid week bout with widespread moderate to heavy rain. Temperatures even with the mid week plunge still averaged 5 to 14 degrees above normal. The mix of a strong upper level disturbance and a plume of tropical moisture produced widespread rains on Tuesday night and Wednesday with many locations in the central Rio Grande Valley from Socorro to Santa Fe and also over the northeast plains receiving a good soaking rain of 1.5 to 2.0 inches.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - SEPTEMBER 26 - OCTOBER 2, 2005

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	09/26 10/02	09/26 10/02	Normal Oct	01/01 10/02	Normal Jan-Oct
Farmington	64.1	88	43	0.32	0.00	0.85	7.62	7.18
Gallup	62.6	85	40	0.06	0.00	1.29	11.30	10.96
Capulin	57.1	82	37	0.00	0.00	0.97	16.28	16.27
Chama	55.1	79	31	0.52	0.00	1.96	25.19	18.09
Johnson Ranch	57.7	85	35	0.41	0.00	1.11	7.69	10.16
Las Vegas	57.3	76	43	2.60	0.00	1.51	16.86	17.78
Los Alamos	59.4	80	41	2.46	0.00	1.32	20.11	16.62
Raton	58.7	85	36	0.07	0.00	0.97	15.44	15.61
Red River	50.2	75	30	0.51	0.00	1.46	20.34	18.15
Santa Fe	61.4	87	44	1.16	0.00	1.04	11.72	12.58
Clayton	65.3	90	44	0.22	0.00	0.90	14.62	14.28
Clovis	67.7	91	48	0.29	0.00	1.34	15.57	16.24
Roy	61.4	86	41	1.16	0.00	1.05	18.49	14.79
Tucumcari	68.3	94	49	1.23	0.00	0.94	18.29	13.39
Grants	59.9	86	35	0.42	0.00	1.05	7.36	9.56
Quemado	59.7	83	31	0.82	0.00	1.18	13.01	12.59
Albuquerque	67.9	89	51	1.56	0.00	0.89	10.29	7.95
Carrizozo	66.6	89	44	0.05	0.00	1.19	13.21	11.31
Socorro	67.4	91	49	0.77	0.01	1.11	7.61	8.48
Gran Quivera	62.7	86	44	1.72	0.00	1.27	16.31	14.01
Moriarty	58.8	88	38	1.60	0.00	1.10	10.22	11.77
Ruidoso	59.6	81	36	0.12	0.00	1.31	15.92	18.84
Carlsbad	75.6	99	54	0.00	0.00	1.05	8.56	11.79
Roswell	68.9	91	48	0.15	0.00	1.19	11.06	11.83
Tatum	68.6	94	47	0.04	0.00	1.49	10.13	15.02
Alamogordo	75.8	95	57	0.20	0.01	1.30	10.80	11.21
Animas	75.1	96	54	0.07	0.07	1.15	9.07	9.91
Deming	73.3	98	46	0.05	0.01	0.98	6.03	9.09
Las Cruces	74.3	97	55	0.00	0.00	0.91	9.51	8.19
T or C	73.3	93	53	0.03	0.00	0.95	10.51	8.62

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

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

## AGRICULTURAL PRICES RECEIVED

**NEW MEXICO:** Alfalfa hay prices in September averaged \$129.00 per ton, a \$3.00 drop from the previous month. All Hay in September also decreased by \$3.00 to \$127.00 per ton. Cow prices in New Mexico declined by \$0.90 to \$53.30 per hundredweight but remained higher than the U.S. average price of \$50.40. Steer and Heifer prices increased from \$107.00 per hundredweight in August to \$111.00 per hundredweight and were \$19.70 above the national average of \$91.30. Calf prices for September dropped by \$2.00 from the August price of \$135.00 and were in line with the U.S. average of \$133.00 per hundredweight. Milk prices for the month increased by \$0.30 to \$14.50 per hundredweight but were under the national average of \$15.10.

**Prices Received by Farmers: Selected Commodities, August 2005 and September 2004-05**

Commodity	Unit	New Mexico			U.S. <sup>1/</sup>
		Sept. 2004	Aug. 2005 <sup>2/</sup>	Sept. 2005 <sup>1/</sup>	Sept.
-----Dollars-----					
<b>CROPS</b>					
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	-	-	-	3.13
Cotton, Upland	Lb.	-	-	-	.474
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	6.40
Hay, all baled	Ton	115.00	130.00	127.00	99.00
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	118.00	132.00	129.00	107.00
Peanuts	Lb.	-	-	-	.176
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	1.73
Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	3.34
<b>LIVESTOCK</b>					
Sheep <sup>4/</sup>	Cwt.	-	-	-	42.30
Lambs <sup>4/</sup>	Cwt.	-	-	-	108.00
Cows	Cwt.	54.60	54.20	53.30	50.40
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	111.00	107.00	111.00	91.30
Calves	Cwt.	126.00	135.00	133.00	133.00
Milk	Cwt.	14.70	14.20	14.50	15.10

<sup>1/</sup> Mid-month. <sup>2/</sup> Entire month. <sup>3/</sup> Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms. <sup>4/</sup> August - Entire Month.

## WINTER WHEAT

**NEW MEXICO:** The 2005 winter wheat production for New Mexico is estimated at 9.7 million bushels, up 25 percent from last year. Yield is 36.0 bushels per acre, compared to 26.0 bushels last year. Acres harvested for grain is estimated at 270,000.

**UNITED STATES:** The 2005 winter wheat production is estimated at 1.49 billion bushels, down 2 percent from the August forecast and down slightly from last year. The U.S. yield is 44.4 bushels per acre, unchanged from August but 0.9 bushel above last year's final yield. Acreage for grain is estimated at 33.7 million acres, 2 percent below the last forecast and down 3 percent from the previous year.

**Winter Wheat: Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production, 2004-2005**

Crop	Area Planted <sup>1/</sup>		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
-----1,000 Acres-----								
AZ	5	5	4	2	90.0	80.0	360	160
AR	670	220	620	160	53.0	52.0	32,860	8,320
CO	2,300	2,550	1,700	2,200	27.0	24.0	45,900	52,800
KS	10,000	10,000	8,500	9,500	37.0	40.0	314,500	380,000
MO	1,050	590	930	540	52.0	54.0	48,360	29,160
MT	1,900	2,100	1,630	2,050	41.0	45.0	66,830	92,250
NE	1,850	1,850	1,650	1,760	37.0	39.0	61,050	68,640
<b>NM</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>7,800</b>	<b>9,720</b>
OH	920	860	890	830	62.0	71.0	55,180	58,930
OK	6,200	5,700	4,700	4,000	35.0	32.0	164,500	128,000
SD	1,650	1,500	1,250	1,440	45.0	44.0	56,250	63,360
TX	6,300	5,500	3,500	3,000	31.0	32.0	108,500	96,000
UT	130	140	120	130	43.0	47.0	5,160	6,110
WA	1,800	1,850	1,750	1,800	67.0	67.0	117,250	120,600
WY	150	160	135	145	26.0	30.0	3,510	4,350
All Other States	7,935	6,845	6,783	5,853	60.7	64.0	411,424	375,369
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>43,350</b>	<b>40,320</b>	<b>34,462</b>	<b>33,680</b>	<b>43.5</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>1,499,434</b>	<b>1,493,769</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Includes area planted in preceding fall.

**GRAIN STOCKS**

**Corn stocks** in all positions on September 1, 2005 totaled 2.11 billion bushels, up 120 percent from September 1, 2004. This is the highest September 1 stocks level since 1993. Of the total stocks, 821 million bushels are stored on farms, up 87 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 1.29 billion bushels, are up 148 percent from a year ago to the highest September 1 level since 1988. The June - August 2005 indicated disappearance is 2.21 billion bushels, compared with 2.01 billion bushels during the same period last year.

**All wheat** stored in all positions on September 1, 2005 totaled 1.92 billion bushels, down 1 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 719 million bushels, down 9 percent from the previous year. Off-farm stocks, at 1.20 billion bushels, are up 4 percent from a year ago. The June - August 2005 indicated disappearance is 720 million bushels, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**Grain sorghum** stored in all positions on September 1, 2005 totaled 57.0 million bushels, up 70 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 5.90 million bushels, are up 59 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 51.1 million bushels, are up 71 percent from September 1, 2004. The June - August 2005 indicated disappearance from all positions is 56.2 million bushels, up from 47.0 million bushels during the same period a year ago.

**U.S. Grain Stocks, By Position and Month 2004-2005**

Date	2004			2005		
	On Farms	Off Farms <sup>1/</sup>	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms <sup>1/</sup>	Total All Positions
	-----1,000 Bushels-----					
	<b>CORN</b>					
Mar 1	3,030,000	2,241,459	5,271,459	4,137,000	2,618,261	6,755,261
Jun 1	1,540,000	1,430,140	2,970,140	2,462,300	1,857,482	4,319,782
Sep 1	438,000	520,091	958,091	820,500	1,291,734	2,112,234
Dec 1	6,144,000	3,306,598	9,450,598			
	<b>SORGHUM</b>					
Mar 1	21,000	137,652	158,652	33,400	170,122	203,522
Jun 1	7,650	72,944	80,594	16,000	97,170	113,170
Sep 1	3,700	29,849	33,549	5,900	51,107	57,007
Dec 1	78,700	203,505	282,205			
	<b>ALL WHEAT</b>					
Mar 1	257,890	762,727	1,020,617	304,710	679,681	984,391
Jun 1	131,880	414,559	546,439	161,275	378,825	540,100
Sep 1	790,600	1,147,807	1,938,407	719,360	1,199,274	1,918,634
Dec 1	531,020	899,306	1,430,326			

<sup>1/</sup> Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.