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Crop Weather October Crop Production October Pecan Forecast

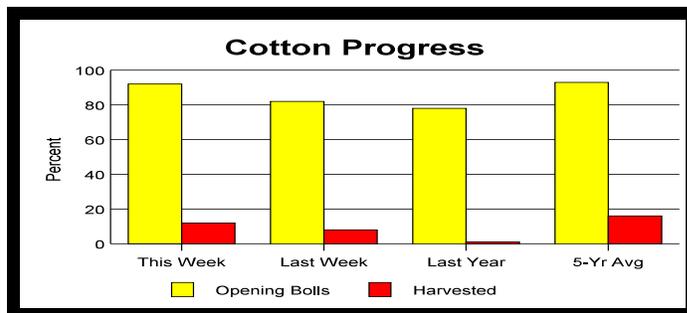
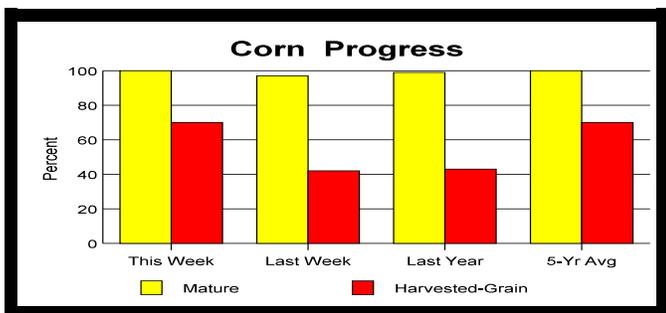
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 16, 2005

NEW MEXICO: There were 5.8 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 1% very short, 30% short, 65% adequate and 4% surplus. Wind damage was 1% light, 15% moderate and 1% severe. Farmers began harvesting red chile, lettuce and sorghum for grain. Alfalfa was in mostly fair to excellent condition, with 70% of the 6th cutting complete, and 41% of the 7th cutting complete. Cotton was in mostly fair to excellent condition, with 92% of bolls opening and 12% harvested. Corn was in mostly fair to good condition with 100% mature and 70% harvested for grain. Sorghum was in mostly fair to good condition, with 94% coloring, 24% mature, and 8% harvested for grain. Wheat was in mostly fair to good condition. Peanuts were in fair to good condition with 26% harvested. Lettuce was fair to excellent and 15% harvested. Chile was in mostly fair to excellent condition. Green chile was 94% harvested and red chile was 22% harvested. Fall onions were 78% planted and in fair to good condition. Apples were 100% harvested. Pecans were in fair to excellent condition. Ranchers were weaning calves and moving cattle to winter pastures. Cattle were 8% poor, 15% fair, 65% good, and 12% excellent. Sheep were listed as 4% very poor, 7% poor, 15% fair, 52% good, and 22% excellent. Range and pasture conditions were reported as 3% very poor, 15% poor, 33% fair, 42% good, and 7% excellent.

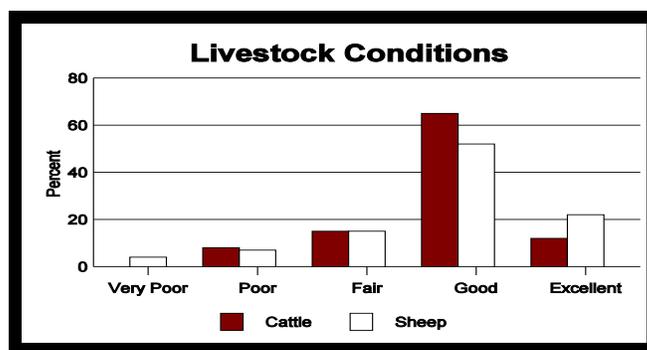
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
APPLES	Harvested	100	88	95	92
CHILE	Harvested-Green	94	89	100	99
CHILE	Harvested-Red	22	5	27	33
CORN	Mature	100	97	99	100
CORN	Harvested-Grain	70	42	43	70
COTTON	Opening Bolls	92	82	78	93
COTTON	Harvested	12	8	1	16
LETTUCE	Harvested	15	N/A	13	12
PEANUTS	Harvested	26	24	14	33
SORGHUM	Coloring	94	85	70	93
SORGHUM	Mature	24	20	18	54
SORGHUM	Harvested	8	4	2	13



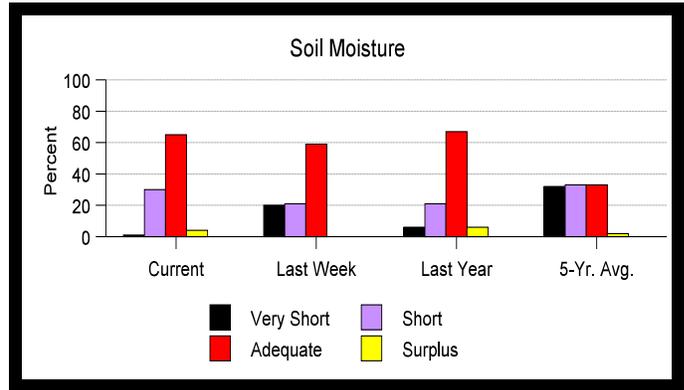
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	--	4	39	41	16
Chile	--	10	29	51	10
Corn	--	--	17	77	6
Cotton	--	2	41	40	17
Lettuce	--	--	20	20	60
Peanuts	--	--	20	80	--
Pecan	--	--	32	31	37
Sorghum (All)	--	14	40	43	3
Wheat (All)	--	12	44	41	3
Cattle	--	8	15	65	12
Sheep	4	7	15	52	22
Range/Pasture	3	15	33	42	7



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	7	17	70	6
Northeast	1	44	55	--
Southwest	--	50	50	--
Southeast	--	12	80	8
State Current	1	30	65	4
State-Last Week	20	21	59	--
State-Last Year	6	21	67	6
State-5-Yr Avg.	32	33	33	2



WEATHER SUMMARY

New Mexico was impacted by two storm systems during the week. One storm exited the state early in the week, and a second system surged northward from Mexico, bringing rain to much of the state Friday night and Saturday. Animas (1.22") and Santa Fe (1.04") both picked up over an inch of moisture. Temperatures for the week were generally a couple of degrees below normal. Precipitation totals for the year have been adjusted based on final reports from September.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - OCTOBER 10 - 16, 2005

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	10/10 10/16	10/10 10/16	Normal Oct	01/01 10/16	Normal Jan-Oct
Farmington	53.4	74	35	0.20	0.63	0.85	8.25	7.18
Gallup	49.6	71	33	0.12	0.40	1.29	10.87	10.96
Capulin	45.6	72	24	0.21	0.50	0.97	17.20	16.27
Chama	45.8	69	28	0.68	2.25	1.96	24.66	18.09
Johnson Ranch	46.6	70	26	0.05	0.46	1.11	10.10	10.16
Las Vegas	46.6	68	31	0.56	0.71	1.51	19.18	17.78
Los Alamos	46.0	65	33	0.50	0.70	1.32	20.81	16.62
Raton	48.6	73	29	0.19	1.15	0.97	19.76	15.61
Red River	40.1	66	24	0.30	1.97	1.46	24.22	18.15
Santa Fe	47.9	69	30	1.04	1.61	1.04	14.35	12.58
Clayton	55.1	77	36	0.40	0.40	0.90	17.53	14.28
Clovis	56.1	76	35	0.83	1.89	1.34	17.76	16.24
Roy	50.1	69	31	0.20	0.40	1.05	18.43	14.79
Tucumcari	56.6	78	38	0.36	0.56	0.94	20.59	13.39
Grants	47.4	69	26	0.18	0.30	1.05	8.51	9.56
Quemado	47.6	68	27	0.08	0.57	1.18	11.70	12.59
Albuquerque	55.7	70	43	0.48	0.77	0.89	11.06	7.95
Carrizozo	53.1	70	32	0.80	1.51	1.19	14.72	11.31
Socorro	55.1	71	39	0.28	0.92	1.11	7.58	8.48
Gran Quivera	52.5	73	35	0.66	1.18	1.27	18.45	14.01
Moriarty	47.0	67	30	0.78	0.91	1.10	11.71	11.77
Ruidoso	47.2	65	28	0.36	2.59	1.31	21.97	18.84
Carlsbad	61.6	78	41	0.34	1.09	1.05	8.61	11.79
Roswell	55.6	76	38	0.44	1.68	1.19	11.45	11.83
Tatum	56.4	77	37	0.41	1.66	1.49	12.01	15.02
Alamogordo	59.9	75	45	0.81	2.09	1.30	12.25	11.21
Animas	59.7	76	41	1.22	1.90	1.15	10.70	9.91
Deming	59.4	78	38	0.87	0.97	0.98	8.06	9.09
Las Cruces	59.6	78	43	0.47	1.57	0.91	10.86	8.19
T or C	58.4	73	43	0.38	1.34	0.95	9.09	8.62

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

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

OCTOBER CROP PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Corn for Grain acreage harvested is expected to total 45,000 acres, with a yield of 180 bushels an acre, for a total production of 8.1 million bushels. Upland cotton acreage harvested totaled 51,000 acres, with a forecasted yield of 866 pounds an acre, for a total production of 92,000 bales. American-Pima cotton harvested acreage totaled 11,000 acres, with a yield of 916 pounds an acre and a production of 21,000 bales. Sorghum for grain harvested acreage totaled 90,000 acres, with an average yield of 45 bushels an acre. Production is expected to total 60.8 million bushels. Peanut harvested acreage totaled 19,000 acres. The yield is estimated at 3,200 pounds an acre with a total production of 60.8 million pounds. Dry bean acreage is up slightly to 6,300 acres, while yield is down to 2,000 pounds an acre for a total production of 126,000 hundredweight. Alfalfa acreage totaled 250,000 acres with a yield of 5.2 tons an acre. Production is forecasted at 1.3 million tons.

UNITED STATES: Corn for grain acreage harvested and to be harvested for grain was also updated in a number of States and is now forecast at 74.3 million acres, up 15,000 acres from September and 1 percent higher than 2004. All cotton production is forecast at 22.7 million 480-pound bales, up 2 percent from the September forecast but 2 percent below last year's record high production. Yield is expected to average 797 pounds per acre, up 15 pounds from last month but down 58 pounds from 2004. The October area expected for harvest remains unchanged from last month at 13.7 million acres but is up 5 percent from 2004. Upland cotton area for harvest, at 13.4 million acres, is unchanged from last month's forecast but is up 5 percent from last year. American-Pima harvested acres are unchanged from last month but are up 7 percent from 2004. Sorghum production is forecast at 375 million bushels, down 6 percent from last month and down 18 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, the sorghum yield forecast is 66.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from September but down 3.8 bushels from last year. Peanuts production is forecast at 4.92 billion pounds, up 15 percent from last year's crop but down 2 percent from last month. Area for harvest is expected to total 1.61 million acres, unchanged from September but up 15 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 3,061 pounds per acre, down 56 pounds from September and down 15 pounds from 2004. U.S. dry edible bean production is forecast at 26.1 million cwt for 2005, up 1 percent from the August forecast and 47 percent above last year. Harvested acreage is forecast at 1.52 million acres, 1 percent below the August forecast but up 25 percent from last year. Alfalfa production is forecast at 75.9 million tons, up 3 percent from the August forecast and up 1 percent from last year.

October 2005 Crop Summary: Area Harvested, Yield and Production, 2004 and Forecasted October 1, 2005

Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
		2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
		-----1,000 Acres-----		-----Units-----		-----1,000 Units-----	
NEW MEXICO							
Corn for Grain	Bu.	58	45	180.0	180.0	10,440	8,100
All Cotton ^{1/2/}	Lb.	74.5	62.0	850	875	132.0	113.0
Upland Cotton ^{1/2/}	Lb.	64.0	51.0	848	866	113.0	92.0
A-P Cotton ^{1/2/}	Lb.	10.5	11.0	869	916	19.0	21.0
Sorghum for Grain	Bu.	92	90	46.0	45.0	4,232	4,050
Peanuts	Lb.	17.0	19.0	3,500	3,200	59,500	60,800
Dry Edible Beans ^{3/4/}	Lb.	6.0	6.3	2,600	2,000	156	126
Alfalfa, Hay	Ton	240	250	4.90	5.20	1,176	1,300
UNITED STATES							
Corn for Grain	Bu.	73,632	74,333	160.4	146.1	11,807,217	10,857,440
All Cotton ^{1/2/}	Lb.	13,057.0	13,673.0	855	797	23,250.7	22,717.0
Upland Cotton ^{1/2/}	Lb.	12,809.0	13,408.0	843	788	22,505.1	22,013.0
A-P Cotton ^{1/2/}	Lb.	248.0	265.0	1,443	1,275	745.6	704.0
Sorghum for Grain	Bu.	6,517	5,687	69.8	66.0	454,899	375,105
Peanuts	Lb.	1,394.0	1,607.0	3,076	3,061	4,288,200	4,919,300
Dry Edible Beans ^{3/4/}	Lb.	1,219.3	1,522.1	1,460	1,715	17,799	26,109
Alfalfa, Hay	Ton	21,707	22,118	3.47	3.43	75,383	75,940

^{1/} Production ginned and to be ginned. ^{2/} Production in 480-Lb. Net weight bales. ^{3/} Estimates for current year carried forward from an earlier forecast. ^{4/} Production in cwt.

PECANS

NEW MEXICO: The first pecan forecast for the 2005 pecan production year as of October 1st, is 62 million pounds, a new record for production in New Mexico. The 2005 forecast shows an increase of 23 million pounds from 2004, an “off” year in the alternate bearing cycle of our trees. Compared to the last “on” year in the cycle, 2005's production is currently expected to be 7 million pounds higher than 2003's 55 million pounds of pecans.

UNITED STATES: The October 1 forecast for 2005 pecan utilized production is 289 million pounds (in-shell basis), up 55 percent from last year's crop and 2 percent above 2003. Improved varieties are expected to produce 232 million pounds or 80 percent of the total, while the Native and seedling varieties, at 57.0 million pounds, make up the remaining 20 percent. The 2005 crop is expected to be larger than last year's, in most producing States, mainly because it is an up year in the alternate bearing pattern typical of pecans. Louisiana and Mississippi are exceptions to the high cycle due to extensive hurricane damage to trees.

All Pecans: Utilized Production 2003-04 and Forecasted October 1, 2005

State	2003	2004	2005
	-----1,000 Pounds-----		
AL	8,000	1,100	3,500
AZ	22,500	14,000	21,000
AR	3,800	1,700	3,000
CA	3,700	3,500	3,900
FL	2,100	500	1,400
GA	75,000	45,000	90,000
KS	2,000	1,800	3,100
LA	20,000	9,000	4,000
MS	7,000	1,000	800
MO ^{1/}	---	---	1,500
NM	55,000	39,000	62,000
NC	2,500	100	2,000
OK	6,000	28,000	20,000
SC	4,500	1,100	2,500
TX	70,000	40,000	70,000
US	282,100	185,800	288,700

^{1/} Estimates began in 2005.