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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 23, 2005

NEW MEXICO: There were 6.6 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 4% very short, 32% short and 64% adequate. Wind damage was 3% light and 11% moderate. Freeze damage was 5% light. Farmers continued harvesting red chile, lettuce, corn for grain, alfalfa and sorghum for grain. Alfalfa was in fair to excellent condition, with 92% of the 6th cutting complete, and 45% of the 7th cutting complete. Cotton was in mostly fair to excellent condition, with 94% of bolls opening and 15% harvested. Corn for grain was 73% harvested. Sorghum was in mostly fair to good condition, with 100% coloring, 42% mature, and 12% harvested for grain. Wheat was in mostly fair to good condition. Peanuts were in fair to excellent condition with 39% harvested. Lettuce was fair to excellent and 25% harvested. Chile was in mostly fair to excellent condition. Green chile was 100% harvested and red chile was 34% harvested. Fall onions were 89% planted and in fair to excellent condition. Pecans were in fair to excellent condition. Ranchers continued moving cattle to winter pastures and marketing their calves. Cattle conditions were 1% very poor, 3% poor, 13% fair, 60% good, and 23% excellent. Sheep were listed as 6% very poor, 12% poor, 11% fair, 32% good, and 39% excellent. Range and pasture conditions were reported as 6% very poor, 16% poor, 31% fair, 33% good and 14% excellent.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Harvested-Red	34	22	37	41
CORN	Mature	73	70	50	79
CORN	Harvested-Grain	73	70	50	79
COTTON	Opening Bolls	94	92	92	98
COTTON	Harvested	15	12	2	25
LETTUCE	Harvested	25	15	32	29
ONIONS	Planted	89	78	96	86
PEANUTS	Harvested	39	26	33	46
SORGHUM	Coloring	100	94	79	96
SORGHUM	Mature	42	24	30	70
SORGHUM	Harvested	12	8	5	23



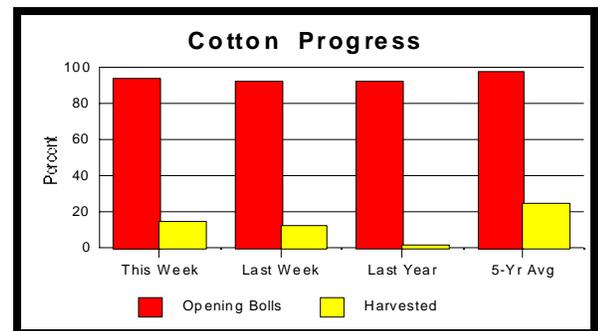
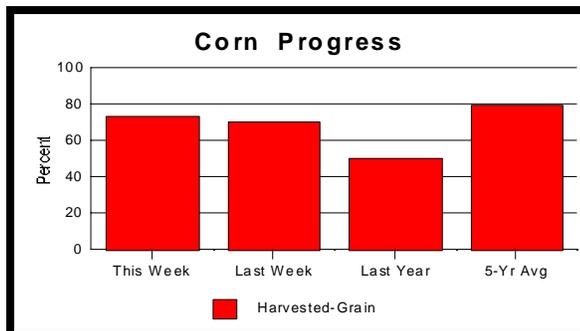
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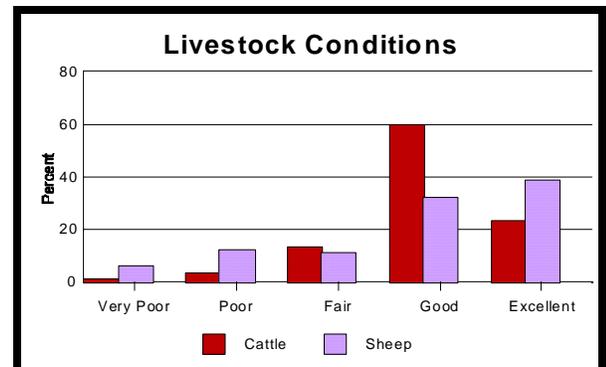
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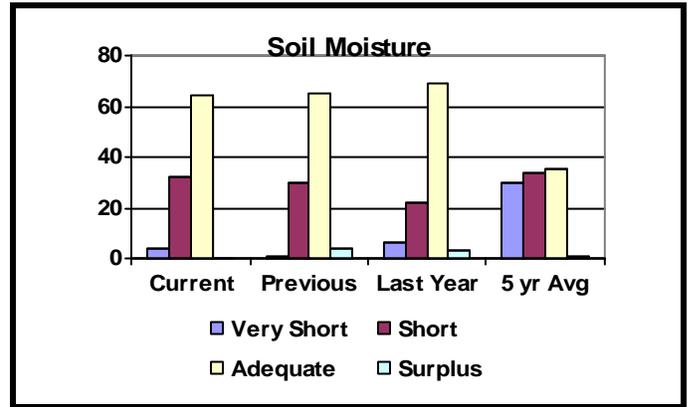
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	--	--	22	44	34
Chile	--	12	25	48	15
Cotton	--	1	37	37	25
Lettuce	--	--	25	25	50
Onions	--	--	12	50	38
Peanuts	--	--	17	69	14
Pecan	--	--	24	28	48
Sorghum	--	16	46	34	4
Cattle	1	3	13	60	23
Wheat	--	3	52	40	5
Sheep	6	12	11	32	39
Range/Pasture	6	16	31	33	14



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	9	28	63	--
Northeast	--	46	54	--
Southwest	13	37	50	--
Southeast	--	2	96	2
State Current	4	32	64	--
State-Last Week	1	30	65	4
State-Last Year	6	22	69	3
State-5-Yr Avg.	30	34	35	1



WEATHER SUMMARY

A slow-moving weak storm system brought light precipitation to most of northern and central New Mexico early in the week. Red River (.47") and Chama (.41") were the only spots that measured over a third of an inch of moisture. A cold front lowered temperatures quite a bit in the east on Sunday, and brought a few snow flurries to the northeast. Overall, temperatures for the week were very close to normal.

New Mexico Weather Conditions October 17 - 23, 2005									
Station	Temperature			Precipitation					
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	10/17 - 10/23	10/01 - 10/23	Normal Oct.	1/01 - 10/23	Normal Jan-Oct	
Farmington	53.4	73.0	35	0.26	0.89	0.85	8.50	7.18	
Gallup	52.7	72.0	28	0.12	0.52	1.29	11.15	10.96	
Capulin	47.6	76.0	28	0.15	0.65	0.97	17.35	16.27	
Chama	49.1	66.0	31	0.41	2.66	1.96	25.17	18.09	
Johnson Ranch	47.3	70.0	26	0.00	0.46	1.11	9.76	10.16	
Las Vegas	49.7	73.0	30	0.01	0.72	1.51	18.99	17.78	
Los Alamos	49.5	68.0	33	0.28	0.98	1.32	21.09	16.62	
Raton	51.1	80.0	31	0.06	1.21	0.97	20.00	15.61	
Red River	42.7	64.0	25	0.47	2.44	1.46	23.64	18.15	
Santa Fe	51.4	74.0	32	0.19	1.8	1.04	14.03	12.58	
Clayton	56.4	86.0	32	0.01	0.41	0.90	17.03	14.28	
Clovis	59.2	85.0	38	0.12	2.01	1.34	17.42	16.24	
Roy	54.1	79.0	34	0.00	0.4	1.05	18.83	14.79	
Tucumcari	58.6	87.0	38	0.02	0.58	0.94	20.73	13.39	
Grants	50.4	74.0	27	0.13	0.43	1.05	8.60	9.56	
Quemado	51.0	73.0	24	0.04	0.61	1.18	12.50	12.59	
Albuquerque	57.6	72.0	42	0.22	0.99	0.00	11.28	7.95	
Carrizozo	55.9	76.0	38	0.00	1.51	1.19	14.71	11.31	
Socorro	56.1	78.0	36	0.10	1.02	1.11	8.23	8.48	
Gran Quivera	54.0	74.0	36	0.29	1.47	1.27	18.69	14.01	
Moriarty	49.6	75.0	31	0.10	1.01	1.10	11.53	11.77	
Ruidoso	50.2	70.0	30	0.10	2.59	1.31	20.47	18.84	
Carlsbad	64.3	89.0	46	0.00	1.09	1.05	8.90	11.79	
Roswell	60.2	86.0	43	0.02	1.7	1.19	11.42	11.83	
Tatum	59.7	85.0	40	0.00	1.66	1.49	12.03	15.02	
Alamogordo	65.6	80.0	54	0.00	2.09	1.30	12.22	11.21	
Animas	64.1	82.0	42	0.00	1.9	1.15	10.80	9.91	
Deming	63.9	85.0	41	0.00	0.97	0.98	8.09	9.09	
Las Cruces	65.3	83.0	47	0.00	1.57	0.91	10.86	8.19	
T or C	62.2	79.0	47	0.01	1.35	0.95	9.10	8.62	

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction
 All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.

MILK PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Milk production in the State during September totaled 569 million pounds. Production per cow averaged 1,710 pounds compared to 1,670 pounds one year prior. The number of milk cows on farms for September was 333,000 head.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 23 major States during September totaled 13.0 billion pounds, up 4.9 percent from September 2004. August revised production, at 13.6 billion pounds, was up 4.8 percent from August 2004. The August revision represented an increase of 22 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,597 pounds for September, 64 pounds above September 2004. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.16 million head, 54,000 head more than September 2004, and 1,000 head more than August 2005.

Milk Cows and Production: August 2005 ^{1/} and September 2004-2005

State	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	9/04	8/05	9/05	9/04	8/05	9/05	9/04	8/05	9/05
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	165	161	161	1,660	1,780	1,740	274	287	280
CA	1,737	1,763	1,765	1,715	1,790	1,745	2,979	3,156	3,080
CO	103	105	106	1,750	1,970	1,855	180	207	197
FL	137	135	134	1,025	1,240	1,130	140	167	151
ID	431	468	470	1,780	1,940	1,860	767	908	874
IL	107	104	104	1,440	1,515	1,450	154	158	151
IN	150	157	156	1,540	1,660	1,615	231	261	252
IA	191	186	187	1,580	1,680	1,610	302	312	301
KS	115	112	112	1,550	1,690	1,650	178	189	185
KY	109	106	105	990	1,030	1,000	108	109	105
MI	303	313	312	1,670	1,815	1,735	506	568	541
MN	465	455	450	1,365	1,505	1,435	635	685	646
MO	121	115	115	1,150	1,170	1,125	139	135	129
NM	325	331	333	1,670	1,825	1,710	543	604	569
NY	654	647	649	1,420	1,600	1,515	929	1,035	983
OH	266	270	270	1,370	1,460	1,410	364	394	381
OR	120	121	121	1,565	1,630	1,550	188	197	188
PA	562	562	561	1,415	1,575	1,500	795	885	842
TX	320	320	320	1,405	1,625	1,515	450	520	485
VT	145	143	142	1,430	1,550	1,480	207	222	210
VA	104	105	105	1,290	1,360	1,300	134	143	137
WA	235	242	243	1,870	1,990	1,915	439	482	465
WI	1,239	1,236	1,237	1,440	1,595	1,520	1,784	1,971	1,880
23 STS	8,104	8,157	8,158	1,533	1,667	1,597	12,426	13,595	13,032

1/ Revised. 2/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

CATTLE ON FEED

NEW MEXICO: Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in New Mexico feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 136,000 head on October 1st, 2005. This was 1,000 head more than on September 1st 2005, but the same inventory as on October 1st, 2004. Placements were down 2,000 head to 26,000 head. Marketings were also down 2,000 head to 22,000 head total marketed during September. Other disappearance held steady at 3,000 head during September.

UNITED STATES: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.5 million head on October 1, 2005. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.36 million, 1 percent below 2004 and 5 percent below 2003. Net placements were 2.30 million head. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.82 million, 1 percent above 2004 but 11 percent below 2003. Other disappearance totaled 57,000 during September, 7 percent below 2004 and 10 percent below 2003

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots ^{1/}

	Number on Feed			Placed			Marketed			Other Disappearance ^{2/}		
	10/1/04	9/1/05	10/1/05	-----DURING-----								
				9/04	8/05	9/05	9/04	8/05	9/05	9/04	8/05	9/05
	-----1,000 Head-----											
AZ	298	314	318	28	35	29	25	33	24	1	1	1
CA	520	530	535	64	62	68	60	57	57	4	5	6
CO	1,020	770	900	265	155	280	170	200	145	5	5	5
ID	275	250	270	84	51	69	53	50	48	1	1	1
IA	375	395	410	70	69	90	69	72	74	1	2	1
KS	2,220	2,210	2,250	520	520	510	410	490	455	20	10	15
NE	1,940	1,770	1,940	470	415	500	320	365	320	10	10	10
NM	136	135	136	29	28	26	19	24	22	3	3	3
OK	340	320	335	80	70	69	62	68	53	3	2	1
SD	143	132	130	41	24	40	35	34	40	1	1	2
TX	2,770	2,800	2,830	600	480	550	490	560	510	10	10	10
WA	180	139	153	48	30	40	42	27	25	1	1	1
Oth Sts	285	235	275	76	54	84	45	52	43	1	2	1
US	10,502	10,000	10,482	2,375	1,993	2,355	1,800	2,032	1,816	61	53	57

^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ^{2/} Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.