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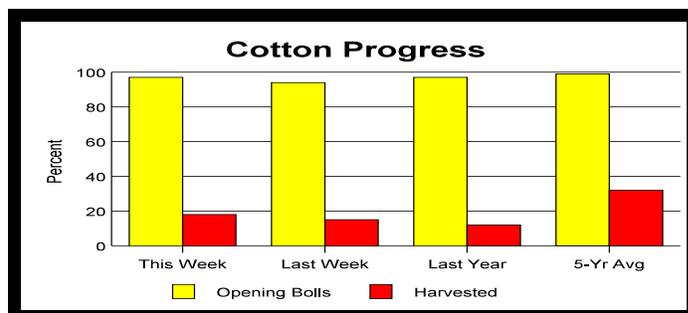
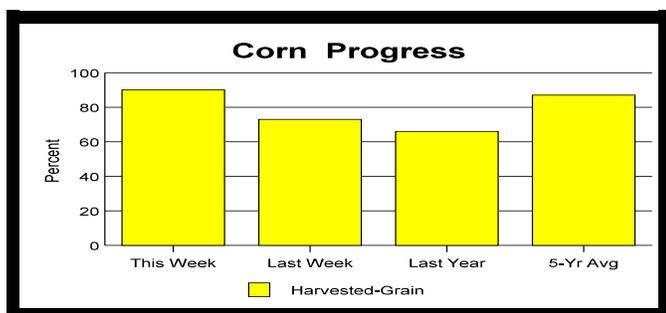
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 30, 2005

NEW MEXICO: There were 6.9 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 11% very short, 41% short, 46% adequate and 2% surplus. Wind damage was 4% light and 11% moderate. Freeze damage was 2% light. Farmers continued harvesting crops. Alfalfa was in fair to excellent condition, with 95% of the 6th cutting complete, and 50% of the 7th cutting complete. Cotton was in mostly fair to excellent condition, with 97% of bolls opening and 18% harvested. Corn for grain was 90% harvested. Sorghum was in mostly fair to good condition, with 70% mature and 15% harvested for grain. Wheat was in mostly fair to good condition. Peanuts were in mostly fair to good condition with 61% harvested. Lettuce was fair to excellent with 50% harvested. Red chile was in mostly fair to good condition with 55% harvested. Fall onions were 100% planted and in fair to excellent condition. Pecans were in fair to excellent condition. Ranchers are marketing their calves and continue to prepare for the winter months. Cattle conditions were 1% very poor, 2% poor, 33% fair, 55% good, and 9% excellent. Sheep were listed as 9% very poor, 14% poor, 31% fair, 24% good, and 22% excellent. Range and pasture conditions were reported as 6% very poor, 21% poor, 45% fair, 27% good and 1% excellent.

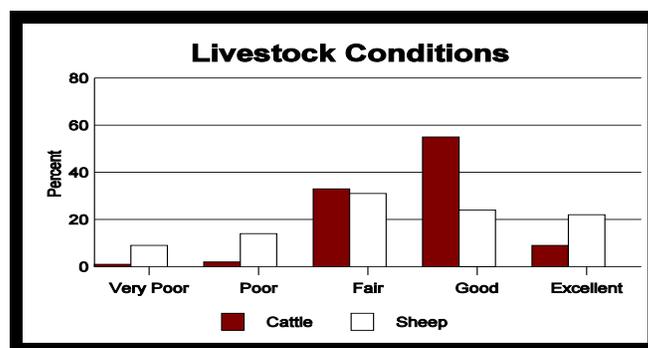
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Harvested-Red	55	34	42	47
CORN	Harvested-Grain	90	73	66	87
COTTON	Opening Bolls	97	94	97	99
COTTON	Harvested	18	15	12	32
LETTUCE	Harvested	50	25	44	51
ONIONS	Planted	100	89	100	95
PEANUTS	Harvested	61	39	43	58
SORGHUM	Mature	70	42	42	78
SORGHUM	Harvested	15	12	10	30



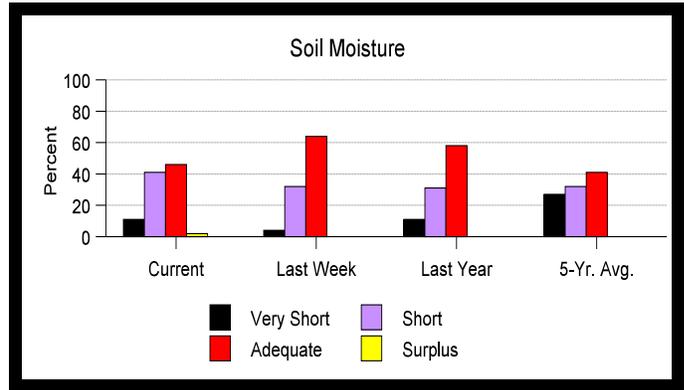
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	--	--	42	36	22
Chile	--	10	42	39	9
Cotton	--	2	46	40	12
Lettuce	--	--	22	23	55
Peanuts	--	2	37	61	--
Pecan	--	--	33	25	42
Sorghum (All)	--	14	40	43	3
Wheat (All)	8	11	51	27	3
Cattle	1	2	33	55	9
Sheep	9	14	31	24	22
Range/Pasture	6	21	45	27	1



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	10	33	57	--
Northeast	20	51	29	--
Southwest	--	--	100	--
Southeast	--	43	49	8
State Current	11	41	46	2
State-Last Week	4	32	64	--
State-Last Year	11	31	58	--
State-5-Yr Avg.	27	32	41	--



WEATHER SUMMARY

It was a rather quiet weather week in New Mexico, with only some spotty, mainly light precipitation. Red River (0.51") was the only location that measured over a tenth of an inch of moisture. The total at Red River included about 3 inches of snow. Temperatures for the week ranged from normal in the far west to a few degrees below normal in the east.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - OCTOBER 24 - 30, 2005

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	10/24 10/30	10/01 10/30	Normal Oct	01/01 10/30	Normal Jan-Oct
Farmington	54.1	73	35	0.02	0.91	0.85	8.52	7.18
Gallup	50.0	71	28	0.00	0.52	1.29	11.15	10.96
Capulin	45.9	69	21	0.04	0.69	0.97	17.39	16.27
Chama	46.0	65	25	0.04	2.70	1.96	25.21	18.09
Johnson Ranch	45.6	69	20	0.00	0.46	1.11	9.76	10.16
Las Vegas	48.4	69	29	0.00	0.72	1.51	18.99	17.78
Los Alamos	47.4	62	31	0.01	0.99	1.32	21.10	16.62
Raton	48.4	70	24	0.04	1.25	0.97	20.04	15.61
Red River	39.1	60	22	0.51	2.95	1.46	24.15	18.15
Santa Fe	48.9	68	26	0.01	1.81	1.04	14.04	12.58
Clayton	54.9	73	30	0.00	0.41	0.90	17.03	14.28
Clovis	55.7	77	35	0.00	2.01	1.34	17.42	16.24
Roy	50.5	70	30	0.00	0.40	1.05	18.83	14.79
Tucumcari	55.9	77	35	0.00	0.58	0.94	20.73	13.39
Grants	48.1	68	24	0.00	0.43	1.05	8.60	9.56
Quemado	47.6	73	23	0.00	0.61	1.18	12.50	12.59
Albuquerque	55.1	68	38	0.04	1.03	0.89	11.32	7.95
Carrizozo	51.7	70	30	0.00	1.51	1.19	14.71	11.31
Socorro	53.4	72	33	0.06	1.08	1.11	8.29	8.48
Gran Quivera	51.1	71	33	0.00	1.47	1.27	18.69	14.01
Moriarty	48.0	70	28	0.00	1.01	1.10	11.53	11.77
Ruidoso	45.7	66	25	0.00	2.59	1.31	20.47	18.84
Carlsbad	60.0	82	37	0.00	1.09	1.05	8.90	11.79
Roswell	55.0	75	33	0.00	1.70	1.19	11.42	11.83
Tatum	54.8	77	33	0.00	1.66	1.49	12.03	15.02
Alamogordo	59.7	73	43	0.00	2.09	1.30	12.22	11.21
Animas	59.8	77	44	0.00	1.90	1.15	10.80	9.91
Deming	57.5	77	38	0.00	0.97	0.98	8.09	9.09
Las Cruces	58.6	76	41	0.00	1.57	0.91	10.86	8.19
T or C	57.9	73	40	0.00	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.