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Crop Weather Milk Production Thanksgiving Message

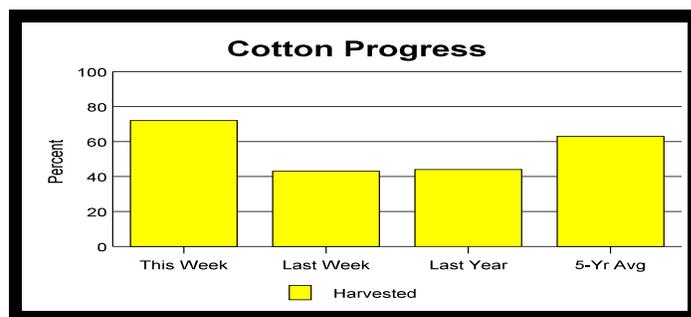
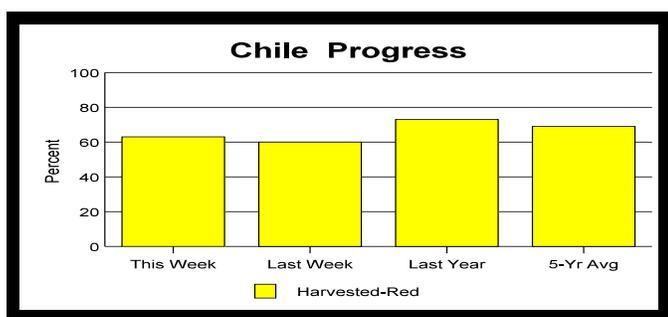
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 20, 2005

NEW MEXICO: There were 6.7 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 23% very short, 46% short and 31% adequate. Wind damage was 8% light and 13% moderate. Freeze damage was 26% light, 3% moderate and 28% severe. Crop harvesting is coming to a close and freezing nights were reported in several counties. Alfalfa was in fair to excellent condition, with 100% of the 6th cutting complete and 65% of the 7th cutting complete. Cotton was in fair to excellent condition, with 72% harvested. Sorghum was in mostly fair to good condition, with 98% mature and 37% harvested for grain. Wheat was in mostly poor to good condition. Peanut harvest was complete. Lettuce was 93% harvested. Red chile was 63% harvested. Fall onions were in fair to excellent condition. Pecans were in fair to excellent condition. Some ranchers were still moving cattle to winter pastures and supplemental feeding is increasing. Cattle conditions were 1% very poor, 8% poor, 34% fair, 55% good, and 2% excellent. Sheep were listed as 8% very poor, 23% poor, 49% fair, 19% good, and 1% excellent. Range and pasture conditions were reported as 9% very poor, 31% poor, 40% fair, 18% good and 2% excellent.

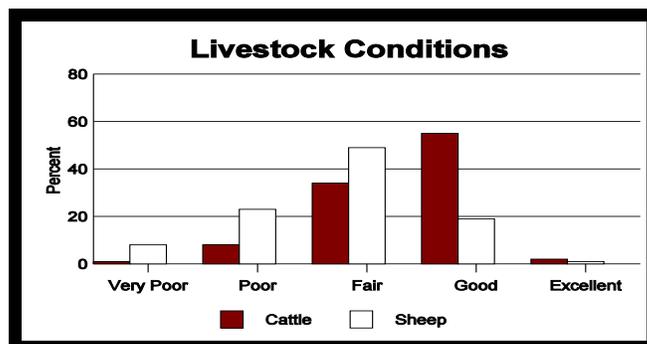
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Harvested-Red	63	60	73	69
COTTON	Harvested	72	43	44	63
LETTUCE	Harvested	93	68	94	93
PEANUTS	Harvested	100	95	78	84
SORGHUM	Mature	98	96	92	98
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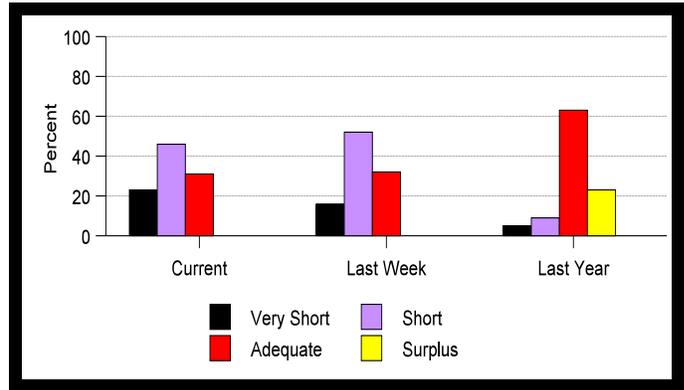
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	--	--	14	33	53
Cotton	--	--	31	39	30
Onions	--	--	8	55	37
Pecan	--	--	23	27	50
Sorghum (All)	--	19	43	35	3
Wheat (All)	9	26	44	21	--
Cattle	1	8	34	55	2
Sheep	8	23	49	19	1
Range/Pasture	9	31	40	18	2



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	15	50	35	--
Northeast	35	44	21	--
Southwest	15	35	50	--
Southeast	22	53	25	--
State Current	23	46	31	--
State-Last Week	16	52	32	--
State-Last Year	5	9	63	23
State-5-Yr Avg.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



WEATHER SUMMARY

Warm weather at the beginning of the week quickly gave way to autumn weather as a couple of cold fronts passed through. Carlsbad reached 81 on the 14th while tatum recorded a record minimum of 15 on the 16th. Overall, temperatures averaged 3 to 4 degrees below normal for the state, but were as much as 10 degrees below normal at Roswell. Precipitation was very light and spotty, and confined to the far north. Red River (.07") reported the greatest amount.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - NOVEMBER 14 - 20, 2005

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	11/14 11/20	11/01 11/20	Normal Nov.	01/01 11/20	Normal Jan-Nov
Farmington	37.3	59	16	0.01	0.01	0.94	8.53	8.12
Gallup	37.0	61	16	0.00	0.01	0.95	11.16	11.91
Capulin	30.5	61	4	0.01	0.05	0.67	17.49	16.94
Chama	33.9	55	12	0.03	0.08	1.72	25.29	19.81
Johnson Ranch	32.9	57	5	0.00	0.00	0.69	9.76	10.85
Las Vegas	37.3	64	13	0.00	0.00	0.58	18.99	18.36
Los Alamos	37.9	58	22	0.00	0.07	1.02	21.17	17.64
Raton	33.4	65	10	0.02	0.02	0.61	20.06	16.22
Red River	29.3	49	8	0.07	0.41	1.18	24.56	19.33
Santa Fe	36.9	61	19	0.00	0.00	0.63	14.04	13.21
Clayton	38.9	68	13	0.00	0.00	0.52	17.03	14.80
Clovis	43.1	73	17	0.00	0.00	0.73	17.42	16.97
Roy	38.1	67	15	0.00	0.00	0.50	18.83	15.29
Tucumcari	43.5	75	20	0.00	0.00	0.51	20.73	13.90
Grants	35.4	60	10	0.00	0.00	0.58	8.60	10.14
Quemado	34.9	60	6	0.00	0.00	0.45	12.50	13.04
Albuquerque	44.3	69	24	0.00	0.00	0.43	11.32	8.38
Carrizozo	44.0	66	18	0.00	0.00	0.76	14.71	12.07
Socorro	42.4	71	16	0.00	0.00	0.47	8.29	8.95
Gran Quivera	40.6	65	17	0.00	0.00	0.91	18.69	14.92
Moriarty	35.1	64	9	0.00	0.00	0.40	11.53	12.17
Ruidoso	39.9	61	15	0.00	0.00	0.88	20.47	19.72
Carlsbad	46.4	81	24	0.00	0.00	0.59	8.90	12.38
Roswell	41.4	76	20	0.00	0.00	0.55	11.42	12.38
Tatum	40.7	75	15	0.00	0.00	0.55	12.03	15.57
Alamogordo	49.5	69	30	0.00	0.00	0.71	12.22	11.92
Animas	50.4	77	28	0.00	0.00	0.71	10.80	10.62
Deming	47.7	76	24	0.00	0.00	0.64	8.09	9.73
Las Cruces	48.4	76	29	0.00	0.00	0.53	10.86	8.72
T or C	47.0	74	28	0.00	0.00	0.60	9.10	9.22

(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 October totaled 590 million pounds, up from the 569 million pounds produced the previous month. Production per cow averaged 1,760 pounds compared to 1,710 in September. Average number of milk cows on farms during the month was 335,000 head, an increase of 2,000 head from the September total of 333,000 head.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 13.4 billion pounds, up 4.1 percent from October 2004. September revised production, at 13.0 billion pounds, was up 4.7 percent from September 2004. The September revision represented a decrease of 27 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,636 pounds for October, 53 pounds above October 2004. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.16 million head, 58,000 head more than October 2004, and 4,000 head more than September 2005.

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

State	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	10/04	9/05	10/05	10/04	9/05	10/05	10/04	9/05	10/05
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	167	161	161	1,785	1,740	1,840	298	280	296
CA	1,740	1,765	1,770	1,770	1,745	1,780	3,080	3,080	3,151
CO	103	106	106	1,785	1,870	1,870	184	198	198
FL	137	134	135	1,165	1,100	1,175	160	147	159
ID	434	469	470	1,800	1,850	1,880	781	868	884
IL	106	104	104	1,480	1,450	1,510	157	151	157
IN	152	156	155	1,585	1,615	1,685	241	252	261
IA	191	187	187	1,640	1,590	1,640	313	297	307
KS	114	112	112	1,590	1,650	1,715	181	185	192
KY	109	105	103	1,035	980	1,030	113	103	106
MI	304	312	312	1,730	1,735	1,790	526	541	558
MN	460	450	450	1,425	1,435	1,470	656	646	662
MO	120	115	114	1,230	1,100	1,200	148	127	137
NM	323	333	335	1,690	1,710	1,760	546	569	590
NY	653	649	650	1,470	1,515	1,550	960	983	1,008
OH	266	270	270	1,410	1,410	1,440	375	381	389
OR	120	121	121	1,575	1,550	1,590	189	188	192
PA	563	561	558	1,465	1,500	1,550	825	842	865
TX	320	320	320	1,470	1,515	1,605	470	485	514
VT	145	142	142	1,455	1,480	1,505	211	210	214
VA	104	105	105	1,355	1,325	1,370	141	139	144
WA	234	243	244	1,895	1,915	1,925	443	465	470
WI	1,238	1,237	1,237	1,475	1,510	1,535	1,826	1,868	1,899
20 ST	8,103	8,157	8,161	1,583	1,594	1,636	12,824	13,005	13,353

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

