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WEATHER SUMMARY

The winter of 2006-2007 continued to be on the cold side, with temperatures averaging 7 degrees below normal for the state. Some spots in the north were 10 to 12 degrees below normal, and Chama dipped to -24 on the 2nd. A complex, slow-moving storm system brought areas of rain and snow to New Mexico during the week. Most areas received at least some moisture, and Ruidoso measured nearly an inch of water equivalent.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 4, 2007

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	01/29 02/04	01/01 02/04	Normal Feb	01/01 02/04	Normal Jan-Feb
Farmington	23.9	42	3	0.33	0.22	0.57	0.66	1.16
Gallup	25.7	52	0	0.22	0.03	0.74	0.74	1.54
Capulin	16.4	44	-10	0.13	0.11	0.56	0.82	0.96
Chama	16.6	47	-24	0.42	0.10	1.58	2.11	3.35
Johnson Ranch	22.4	42	-9	0.41	0.00	0.57	0.74	1.24
Las Vegas	23.0	45	-3	0.24	0.03	0.48	0.51	1.08
Los Alamos	24.7	46	5	0.30	0.16	0.80	1.13	1.66
Raton	23.6	51	-3	0.14	0.11	0.54	0.40	1.01
Red River	18.5	44	-10	0.60	0.49	1.22	2.35	2.29
Santa Fe	22.6	44	-5	0.27	0.10	0.69	0.64	1.32
Clayton	25.3	53	-2	0.02	0.02	0.31	0.36	0.55
Clovis	33.1	54	17	0.19	0.07	0.51	1.29	0.90
Roy	25.1	52	-1	0.18	0.08	0.43	0.54	0.77
Tucumcari	33.5	57	13	0.05	0.05	0.45	0.94	0.73
Grants	25.4	47	2	0.16	0.00	0.51	0.95	1.00
Quemado	23.7	48	-15	0.25	0.25	0.72	1.55	1.55
Albuquerque	33.9	54	16	0.12	0.00	0.46	0.18	0.90
Carrizozo	34.9	59	14	0.43	0.43	0.57	1.09	1.17
Socorro	35.6	60	10	0.01	0.00	0.39	0.26	0.78
Gran Quivera	32.7	55	14	0.17	0.07	0.82	0.21	1.52
Moriarty	23.2	41	2	0.11	0.04	0.48	0.85	0.91
Ruidoso	30.9	56	6	0.93	0.70	1.16	3.32	2.28
Carlsbad	42.3	64	22	0.01	0.00	0.35	0.81	0.70
Roswell	37.9	62	20	0.00	0.00	0.46	1.46	0.89
Tatum	36.1	57	21	0.08	0.03	0.50	1.09	0.89
Alamogordo	40.6	61	24	0.23	0.08	0.54	1.00	1.21
Animas	41.6	62	23	0.09	0.00	0.51	1.15	1.19
Deming	40.8	63	19	0.24	0.04	0.46	1.27	1.02
Las Cruces	42.1	64	24	0.21	0.01	0.37	1.39	0.83
T or C	39.7	59	26	0.06	0.02	0.38	0.89	0.84

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

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

CATTLE INVENTORY

NEW MEXICO: Inventory of all cattle and calves in New Mexico on January 1, 2007 totaled 1.58 million head, up from 1.55 million head a year ago. Beef cow inventory was down 4.4 percent to 440,000 head. Milk cows were up to 360,000 head, compared to 340,000 head last year. Beef operations are still holding on 90,000 beef heifers for replacement, and milk operations kept 120,000 milk heifers for replacement. Steers weighing 500 pounds or more totaled 210,000 head, compared to 190,000 the previous year. Bulls on hand were still at 40,000 head from last year. Calves weighing less than 500 pounds totaled 220,000 head. There were 136,000 cattle and calves on feed intended for the slaughter market on January 1st, 5 percent lower than last year.

UNITED STATES: All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2007, totaled 97.0 million head, slightly above the 96.7 million on January 1, 2006.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.0 million, were down slightly from the 42.1 million on January 1, 2006.

Beef cows, at 32.9 million, were down slightly from January 1, 2006.
Milk cows, at 9.13 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2006.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2007, and the change from January 1, 2006, are as follows:

All heifers 500 pounds and over, 20.1 million, up 1 percent.
Beef replacement heifers, 5.88 million, down slightly.
Milk replacement heifers, 4.31 million, up 1 percent.
Other heifers, 9.90 million, up 1 percent.
Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 17.2 million, up 2 percent.
Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.22 million, down 2 percent.
Calves under 500 pounds, 15.5 million, down slightly.
Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 14.3 million, up 1 percent.

The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 28.3 million, up 1 percent.

The 2006 calf crop was estimated at 37.6 million head, down slightly from 2005. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.4 million, up slightly from 2005.

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop January 1, 2006-2007, New Mexico and U.S.

	New Mexico		United States	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	-----1,000 Head-----			
Cattle and calves	1,550	1,580	96,702	97,003
Cows and Heifers that have calved	800	800	42,056	42,023
Beef Cows	460	440	32,994	32,894
Milk Cows	340	360	9,063	9,129
Heifers 500 lbs. And over				
For beef cow replacement	90	90	5,904	5,877
For milk cow replacement	105	120	4,275	4,310
Other	105	100	9,805	9,899
Steers 500 lbs. and over	190	210	16,933	17,222
Bulls 500 lbs. and over	40	40	2,263	2,215
Calves under 500 lbs.	220	220	15,465	15,456
Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter	143	136	14,132	14,269
Calf crop (previous year)	600	600	37,575	37,567

SHEEP INVENTORY

NEW MEXICO: Sheep and lamb inventory for the state on January 1, 2007 totaled 130,000 head, down significantly due to herd reductions caused by the drought and predator losses. Inventory decreased by 16 percent from the 155,000 on January 1, 2006. **Breeding sheep and lambs** dropped by 20,000 head to 110,000. **Market sheep and lambs** also decreased to 20,000 compared to 25,000 head a year earlier. The 2006 lamb crop at 75,000 head, decreased 12 percent from the 2005 lamb crop.

UNITED STATES: All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2007, totaled 6.19 million head, down 1 percent from 2006, but still 1 percent above 2005. After two consecutive year to year increases inventory growth was hampered by extremely dry weather in the Southwestern part of the United States.

Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 4.62 million head on January 1, 2007, down slightly from 4.64 million head on January 1, 2006. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.71 million head, were 1 percent above last year.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2007, totaled 1.57 million head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2006. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-five percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 14 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 25 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 36 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total marketings.

The 2006 lamb crop of 4.09 million head, was down 1 percent from 2005. The 2006 lambing rate was 112 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2006, down 3 percent from 2005.

Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class and Lamb Crop January 1, 2006-2007, New Mexico and U.S.

	New Mexico		United States	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	-----1,000 Head-----			
All Sheep and Lambs	155.0	130.0	6,230	6,185
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	130.0	110.0	4,640	4,620
Market Sheep and Lambs	25.0	20.0	1,590.0	1,565.0
Market Lambs under 65 lbs.	4.0	3.0	416.3	368.1
65-84 lbs.	7.0	6.0	209.4	200.8
85-105 lbs.	9.0	7.0	362.4	371.6
Over 105 lbs.	3.0	2.0	525.9	535.5
Market Sheep	2.0	2.0	76.0	89.0
Lamb crop Jan. 1 previous year ^{1/}	85.0	75.0	4,117.0	4,085.0

^{1/} Lamb crop is defined as lambs born in the Eastern States and lambs docked or branded in the Western States.

GOAT INVENTORY

NEW MEXICO: All Goat inventory in the state totaled 25,000 on January 1, 2007. Angora goats dropped to 7,000 head 13 percent below January 1, 2006. Milk Goat inventory was estimated at 3,000 head down from 4,000 in 2006. Meat and other goats totaled 15,000 head up 7 percent from the previous year.

UNITED STATES: All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2007, totaled 2.93 million head, up 3 percent from 2006. All market goats and kids totaled 494,000 head, up 4 percent from a year ago.

Goats: Inventory, Selected States and Total, January 1, 2006-2007

Class	New Mexico		United States	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	-----1,000 Head-----			
Angora	8,000	7,000	260,000	238,000
Milk	4,000	3,000	290,000	296,000
Meat and Other	14,000	15,000	2,287,000	2,400,000
Total	26,000	25,000	2,837,000	2,934,000

AGRICULTURAL PRICES RECEIVED

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa hay prices for January 2007 averaged \$172.00 per ton remaining steady with previous month's price and showing a 38% increase from the previous year's price of \$125.00 per ton. All Hay prices remained at \$170.00 per ton and were 39% above the previous year's price of \$122.00 per ton. Cow prices increased from the December price of \$44.20 per hundredweight to \$46.40 in January. Steer and heifer prices increased by \$1.00 to \$93.00 per hundredweight. Calf prices dropped by \$2.00 to \$106.00 per hundredweight. Milk cow replacement prices were \$1,720 per hundredweight. Milk prices increased by 3.7% to \$14.10.

Prices Received by Farmers: Selected Commodities, December 2006 and January 2006-2007

Commodity	Unit	New Mexico			U.S. ^{1/}
		Jan. 2006 ^{2/}	Dec. 2006 ^{2/}	Jan. 2007 ^{1/}	Jan.
-----Dollars-----					
CROPS					
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	—	—	—	6.43
Cotton, Upland	Lb.	—	—	—	.495
Potatoes	Cwt.	—	—	—	6.98
Hay, all baled	Ton	122.00	170.00	170.00	112.00
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	125.00	172.00	172.00	115.00
Peanuts	Lb.	—	—	—	.178
Corn	Bu.	—	—	—	3.23
Wheat, all	Bu.	—	—	—	4.50
LIVESTOCK					
Sheep ^{3/}	Cwt.	—	—	—	35.30
Lambs ^{3/}	Cwt.	—	—	—	93.20
Cows	Cwt.	46.70	44.20	46.40	43.80
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	114.00	92.00	93.00	90.30
Calves	Cwt.	132.00	108.00	106.00	115.00
Milk Cow Replacement ^{4/}	Hd.	1,860.00	—	1,720.00	1,660.00
Milk	Cwt.	13.70	13.60	14.10	14.40

^{1/} Mid-month. ^{2/} Entire month. ^{3/} December - Entire Month. ^{4/} Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices available for Jan., Apr., Jul., and Oct.