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JULY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN SLIGHTLY

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2008, totaled 104.3 million head, slightly below the 104.8 million on July 1, 2007 and down 1 percent from the 105.2 million two years ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.4 million, was down slightly from both July 1, 2007 and July 1, 2006.

- * Beef cows, at 33.2 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2007 and 1 percent below two years ago.
- * Milk cows, at 9.25 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2007 and 1 percent above two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2008 and the changes from July 1, 2007, are as follows:

- * All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.5 million, down 1 percent.
- * Beef replacement heifers, 4.6 million, down 2 percent.
- * Milk replacement heifers, 3.9 million, unchanged.
- * Other heifers, 8.0 million, unchanged.
- * Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.7 million, down 1 percent.

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<u>Report</u>	<u>Release Date</u>
Cattle Inventory	July 25, 2008
Cattle on Feed	July 25, 2008
Milk Production	July 18, 2008
Pecan Production	July 08, 2008
Onions	July 10, 2008
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Sheep and Lamb Inventory	July 25, 2008

- * Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged.
- * Calves under 500 pounds, 28.6 million, down slightly: All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 11.7 million, down 5 percent.

The 2008 calf crop is expected to be 37.3 million, down slightly from 2007 and 1 percent below 2006. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.1 million, down slightly from 2007 and 1 percent below 2006.

Cattle and Calves: Number of Class and Calf Crop, U.S., July 1, 2006 - 2008

Class	2006	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Percent-----
Cattle and Calves	105,200	104,800	104,300	100
Cows and Heifers that have Calved	42,600	42,500	42,400	100
Beef Cows	33,450	33,350	33,150	99
Milk Cows	9,150	9,150	9,250	101
Heifers 500 pounds and Over	16,600	16,600	16,500	99
For Beef Cow Replacement	5,000	4,700	4,600	98
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,800	3,900	3,900	100
Other Heifers	7,800	8,000	8,000	100
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	15,000	14,900	14,700	99
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,100	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	28,900	28,700	28,600	100
Calf Crop	37,519	37,361	37,250	100
Cattle on Feed – All Feedlots	12,500	12,300	11,700	95

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 4 PERCENT

NEW MEXICO: Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in New Mexico feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 154,000 head on July 1, 2008 up 4,000 head from the previous month's total of 150,000 head. Placements for June were 32,000 head, up 8,000 head from May's 24,000 head. Marketings were at 27,000 in June, up 4,000 head from May. Other disappearance at 1,000 head was unchanged from previous month.

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 10.3 million head on July 1, 2008. The inventory was 4 percent below July 1, 2007 and 5 percent below July 1, 2006. The inventory included 6.43 million steers and steer calves, down 5 percent from the

previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.82 million head, down 3 percent from 2007. Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.51 million, 9 percent below 2007 and 22 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.45 million head. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 365,000, 600-699 pounds were 325,000, 700-799 pounds were 383,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 440,000. Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 1.97 million, 8 percent below 2007 and 10 percent below 2006. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of June since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during June, 15 percent above 2007, but 5 percent below 2006.

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

	Number on Feed			Placed			Marketed			Other Disappearance ^{2/}		
	7/1/07	6/1/08	7/1/08	DURING								
				6/07	5/08	6/08	6/07	5/08	6/08	6/07	5/08	6/08
AZ	343	365	356	39	34	32	35	38	40	1	1	1
CA	545	525	520	53	80	52	60	71	55	3	4	2
CO	940	920	820	120	150	80	190	170	170	10	10	10
ID	220	215	200	37	28	33	46	36	47	1	2	1
IA	510	520	500	52	58	41	61	65	60	1	3	1
KS	2,140	2,190	2,080	375	410	330	515	490	430	10	20	10
NE	2,050	2,250	2,050	330	370	290	560	480	475	10	20	15
NM	132	*150	154	22	*24	32	17	23	27	1	1	1
OK	325	305	300	52	76	57	66	75	61	1	1	1
SD	197	205	185	24	34	21	39	46	38	3	3	3
TX	2,870	2,690	2,660	485	560	460	475	550	480	10	10	10
WA	150	145	140	31	29	28	30	38	32	0	1	1
Oth Sts	315	335	330	37	47	57	46	58	58	1	4	4
US	10,737	*10,815	10,295	1,657	*1,900	1,513	2,140	2,140	1,973	52	80	60

^{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. * Revised.

U.S. JUNE MILK PRODUCTION UP 3.4 PERCENT

NEW MEXICO: Milk production in New Mexico during June totaled 670 million pounds. Milk per cow for the month averaged 1,970 pounds. Number of milk cows on farms totaled 340,000 head.

was up 3.5 percent from May 2007. The May revision represented an increase of 14 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,737 pounds for June, 25 pounds above June 2007. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.46 million head, 158,000 head more than June 2007, and 1,000 head more than May 2008.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 23 major States during June totaled 14.7 billion pounds, up 3.4 percent from June 2007. May revised production at 15.4 billion pounds,

Milk Cows and Production: May 2008 ^{1/} and June 2007 - 2008

State	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	6/07	5/08	6/08	6/07	5/08	6/08	6/07	5/08	6/08
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	182	186	186	1,965	2,165	1,950	358	403	363
CA	1,811	1,848	1,848	1,845	1,940	1,850	3,341	3,585	3,419
CO	118	127	128	1,960	1,990	1,940	231	253	248
FL	126	123	122	1,465	1,585	1,490	185	195	182
ID	508	550	550	1,910	1,930	1,910	970	1,062	1,051
IL	103	102	102	1,550	1,665	1,565	160	170	160
IN	167	168	166	1,675	1,730	1,650	280	291	274
IA	214	216	216	1,675	1,740	1,650	358	376	356
KS	109	110	111	1,650	1,875	1,760	180	206	195
KY	90	92	92	1,170	1,210	1,110	105	111	102
MI	334	347	348	1,905	1,900	1,840	636	659	640
MN	460	463	463	1,565	1,645	1,590	720	762	736
MO	112	111	110	1,240	1,365	1,240	139	152	136
NM	335	342	340	1,815	2,040	1,970	608	698	670
NY	626	626	626	1,620	1,770	1,680	1,014	1,108	1,052
OH	276	282	282	1,550	1,650	1,580	428	465	446
OR	114	113	113	1,650	1,610	1,575	188	182	178
PA	549	548	546	1,590	1,720	1,630	873	943	890
TX	348	372	377	1,740	1,995	1,870	606	742	705
VT	139	140	140	1,510	1,600	1,550	210	224	217
VA	100	98	98	1,440	1,580	1,450	144	155	142
WA	234	244	244	1,975	2,025	1,975	462	494	482
WI	1,247	1,251	1,252	1,620	1,710	1,640	2,020	2,139	2,053
23 STS	8,302	8,459	8,460	1,712	1,818	1,737	14,216	15,375	14,697

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

PECAN PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Pecan production in New Mexico totaled 74 million pounds in 2007, a high production year in the alternate bearing cycle of pecans. The 2007 production was 57 percent higher than the 47 million pounds in 2006, and 14 percent higher than the 65 million pounds in 2005, the previous high bearing year. For the 2006 crop, New Mexico tied for #1 in production and for **2007 New Mexico was #2**. Price per pound decreased from \$1.85 in 2006 to \$1.30 in

2007. Production was valued at \$96.2 million in 2007, compared to \$87 million in 2006 and \$110.5 million in 2005.

UNITED STATES: Pecan production in 2007 totals 192,700 tons, an 86 percent increase from 2006. The value of the pecan crop increased 35 percent to 435 million dollars.

All Pecans: Utilized Production, Price and Value of Production, State and U.S., 2006-2007

State	Utilized Production		Price Per Pound		Value of Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	-----1,000 Pounds-----		-----Dollars-----		-----1,000 Dollars-----	
Improved Varieties ^{1/}						
AL	5,400	8,700	1.260	0.890	6,804	7,743
AZ	14,000	23,000	1.750	1.600	24,500	36,800
AR	1,150	1,500	1.330	1.090	1,530	1,635
CA	3,400	4,400	1.720	1.780	5,848	7,832
FL	200	1,700	1.800	1.000	360	1,700
GA	36,000	135,000	1.640	1.100	59,040	148,500
LA	3,500	3,000	1.400	1.200	4,900	3,600
MS	2,000	2,200	1.300	1.150	2,600	2,530
MO	160	2	1.650	1.200	264	2
NM	47,000	74,000	1.850	1.300	86,950	96,200
NC	420	160	1.350	1.510	567	242
OK	5,000	3,000	1.700	2.250	8,500	6,750
SC	900	1,500	1.790	1.160	1,611	1,740
TX	33,000	44,000	1.790	1.350	59,070	59,400
U.S.	152,130	302,162	1.730	1.240	262,544	374,674
Native & Seedling						
AL	600	1,300	0.970	0.600	582	858
AR	1,050	800	1.150	0.760	1,208	608
FL	300	200	1.500	0.700	450	140
GA	6,000	15,000	1.210	0.720	7,260	10,800
KS	2,000	500	1.300	0.900	2,600	450
LA	17,500	11,000	0.900	0.700	15,750	7,700
MS	500	800	1.000	0.700	500	560
MO ^{2/}	940	3	1.350	1.000	1,269	3
NC	80	40	1.000	0.810	80	32
OK	12,000	27,000	1.150	0.750	13,800	20,250
SC	200	500	1.050	0.900	210	450
TX	14,000	26,000	1.160	0.700	16,240	18,200
U.S.	55,170	83,143	1.090	0.722	59,949	60,051
All Pecans	207,300	385,305	1.560	1.130	322,493	434,725

^{1/} Budded, grafted, or top-worked varieties.

ONIONS

NEW MEXICO: Onion growers expect to harvest 5,500 acres in 2008, down 13 percent from last year. With 95 percent of the crop reported harvested, expected yields are averaging 470 hundredweight per acre giving an expected total state production of 2,538,000 hundredweight.

UNITED STATES: Onion growers expect to harvest 148,750 acres of onions in 2008, down 7 percent from last year. Spring onion growers harvested 29,000 acres, down 6 percent from last season. Summer, non-storage onion growers expect to harvest 19,600 acres, down 5 percent from a year ago. Storage onion growers plan to harvest 100,150 acres in 2008, down 7 percent from last season.

Onions: Area Planted, Harvested, Yield Per Acre, and Production, 2007 and Forecasted 2008 ^{1/}

Season and State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	-----Acres-----				-----1,000 Cwt.-----			
SPRING ^{2/}								
AZ	1,200	1,500	1,200	1,500	450	520	540	780
CA	7,600	6,700	7,400	6,500	450	450	3,330	2,925
GA	12,500	12,000	12,000	11,500	270	300	3,240	3,450
TX	12,500	11,000	10,400	9,500	300	400	3,120	3,800
TOTAL	33,800	31,200	31,000	29,000	330	378	10,230	10,955
SUMMER NON-STORAGE ^{2/}								
CA	9,700	9,300	9,300	9,000	565	540	5,255	4,860
NV	2,800	2,700	2,800	2,700	740	760	2,072	2,052
NM	6,300	5,500	6,100	5,400	500	470	3,050	2,538
TX	1,100	800	1,000	700	400	400	400	280
WA	1,500	1,800	1,500	1,800	380	360	570	648
TOTAL	21,400	20,100	20,700	19,600	548	529	11,347	10,378
STORAGE ^{3/}	111,780	103,850	107,780	100,150	532		57,305	
TOTAL SUMMER	133,180	123,950	128,480	119,750	534		68,652	
U.S. - ALL	166,980	155,150	159,480	148,750	495		78,882	

^{1/} Estimates for 2007 revised. ^{2/} Primarily fresh market. ^{3/} Yield and production for 2008 will be published October 3, 2008.

CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 27, 2008

NEW MEXICO: There were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 5% very short, 37% short, 50% adequate, and 8% surplus. Wind damage was 19% light and 4% moderate. Alfalfa was mostly good to fair with 68% of the third cutting complete and 4% of the fourth cutting complete. Cotton was mostly good with 85% squaring and 45% setting bolls. Corn was mostly good with 55% silked and 12% dough. Irrigated sorghum was mostly good to excellent with 22% headed and 1% coloring. Dry sorghum ranged from very poor to good. Peanuts were mostly fair to good with 60% pegging. Chiles were mostly good with 17%

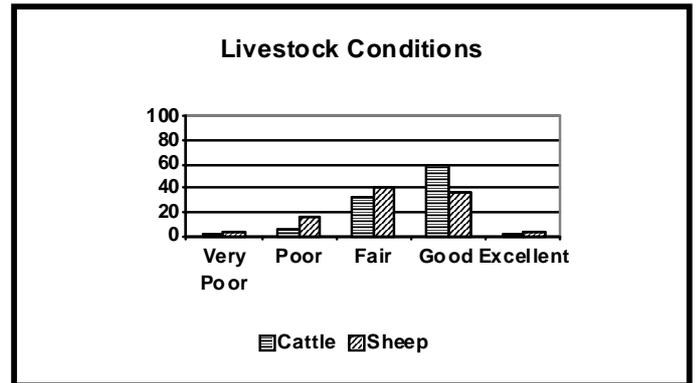
light pod set and 83% average pod set. Apples were mostly fair to good and Pecans were mostly good. Cattle were mostly fair to good. Sheep were mostly fair to good. Range and pasture ranged from poor to good. Farmers spent the week harvesting crops, cutting hay, spraying for insects, and draining fields of excess water. Most ranchers discontinued supplemental feeding and hauling water. Slow moving scattered showers and thunderstorms from the remnants of Hurricane Dolly provided generous amounts of rain to the South Central sections of New Mexico and lesser amounts to the North Central area.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CORN	Silked	55	49	68	69
COTTON	Squaring	85	80	91	96
COTTON	Setting Bolls	45	30	73	63
ONIONS	Harvested	100	95	99	96
PEANUTS	Pegging	60	55	65	76
SORGHUM (ALL)	Headed	8	7	7	9

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	3	32	62	3
Chile	---	---	12	88	---
Corn	---	---	3	88	9
Cotton	---	---	14	81	5
Peanuts	---	---	50	40	10
Pecan	---	1	1	98	---
Sorghum (All)	7	26	16	46	5
Cattle	1	6	33	59	1
Sheep	4	15	41	36	4
Range/Pasture	6	24	43	26	1

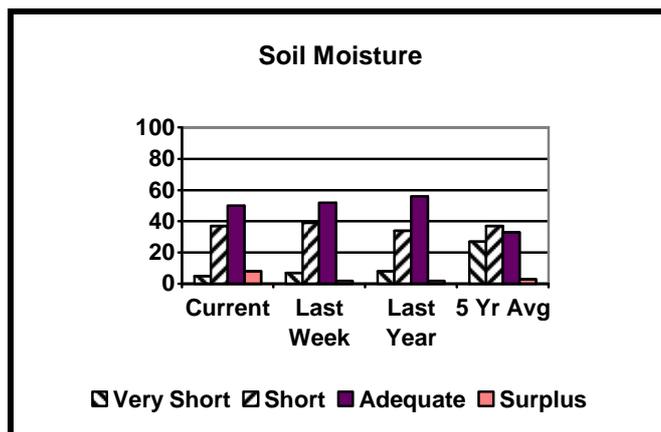


Comments from Reporters: **Santa Fe County**-Heavy rains throughout the County due to Hurricane Dolly & Monsoons. **Curry County**-Rains in most of the area have improved conditions on all agriculture production. Conditions have been favorable for hay production and harvesting. Cattle and range condition vastly improved but in need of additional rainfall. **Guadalupe County**-All crops and pastures have greatly improved. Pastures are drying out quick with the hot temperatures. Farmers are busy cutting alfalfa. Crops and gardens are progressing well; lots

of produce. **Socorro County**-Rain was received in the past week; very helpful to native rangeland. Some swathed hay was damaged. **Sierra County**-Farmers busy in fields, with spraying of corn for mites, hay is in various stages of harvest with some striped hay. **Dona Ana County**-A lot of rain draining the fields of excess water. **Lera County**-Crops are doing well; high humidity has helped with the range conditions and high heat has helped with the cotton and other commodities being grown.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	10	23	62	5
Northeast	9	57	34	---
Southwest	---	63	37	---
Southeast	---	11	64	25
State Current	5	37	50	8
State-Last Week	7	39	52	2
State-Last Year	8	34	56	2
State-5-Yr Avg.	27	37	33	3



WEATHER SUMMARY

Slow moving scattered showers and thunderstorms provided generous amounts of rain to most sections of New Mexico during the week...except in the far Eastern Plains and Northwest Plateau... where smaller amounts of 0.10 or less were reported. Remnant moisture from former Hurricane Dolly moved into New Mexico during the weekend...impacting the state with a significant

increase in showers and thunderstorms. Ruidoso received 6.68 inches of rain in a 48 period on Saturday and Sunday which resulted in serious flooding. Other sites reporting amounts of 2.50 inches or more during the weekend included Carrizozo...Alamogordo...and Las Cruces. Temperatures for the week were near to a little below normal.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – July 21 - 27, 2008

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 21-Jul - 27-Jul	Month 1-Jul - 27-Jul	Accum. 1-Jan - 27-Jul	Normal Jul	Normal Jan-Jul
Northwest								
Albuquerque	77.0	93	58	1.35	3.33	4.92	1.37	4.42
Chama	63.2	83	45	2.20	3.51	11.06	2.24	11.08
Farmington	77.7	96	60	0.10	0.53	3.58	0.94	4.31
Gallup	71.1	89	57	1.33	2.15	7.76	1.91	6.10
Grants	70.6	89	52	0.69	1.50	4.55	1.76	4.79
Johnson Ranch	70.1	88	54	0.56	1.62	4.39	1.66	5.43
Los Alamos	68.4	85	54	1.18	1.78	6.26	3.25	9.66
Red River	60.0	81	40	0.86	1.97	5.79	3.01	11.93
Santa Fe	70.2	90	53	0.28	1.53	5.22	2.38	7.64
Northeast								
Capulin	68.9	88	51	2.00	5.44	10.37	3.25	10.52
Clayton	77.8	94	62	0.01	2.28	5.57	2.70	9.00
Clovis	76.6	92	63	0.01	1.59	6.19	2.56	9.57
Las Vegas	68.8	89	52	0.74	3.94	7.54	3.20	9.60
Moriarty	68.9	88	52	1.22	3.18	5.86	2.38	6.37
Raton	72.9	97	54	0.71	2.50	5.59	2.66	9.82
Roy	72.9	90	58	1.15	3.62	6.45	2.97	9.03
Tucumcari	78.6	94	64	0.06	5.05	12.86	3.30	8.57
Southwest								
Animas	75.2	90	56	2.92	4.51	5.03	2.26	4.74
Deming	78.0	93	64	0.28	6.93	7.46	2.15	4.43
Gran Quivira	71.4	88	53	0.66	3.94	6.11	2.81	7.52
Quemado	68.6	85	51	1.00	3.76	6.00	2.37	6.56
Socorro	76.5	93	59	0.75	1.74	2.54	1.44	3.94
T or C	77.3	91	66	0.69	4.45	5.54	1.86	4.44
Southeast								
Alamogordo	78.3	96	65	2.67	4.87	6.13	2.23	5.51
Carlsbad	80.1	97	65	0.09	2.40	4.47	1.79	5.74
Carrizozo	71.8	90	57	2.53	3.75	4.65	2.05	5.55
Las Cruces	78.7	94	65	3.24	5.85	6.05	1.36	3.63
Roswell	77.8	94	63	0.18	1.33	4.44	1.99	6.74
Ruidoso	64.1	81	49	6.73	9.76	13.94	4.02	10.99
Tatum	75.3	91	59	0.09	3.47	7.45	2.52	8.69

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

ALL SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY DOWN 3 PERCENT

UNITED STATES: All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2008 totaled 7.35 million head, down 3 percent from July 1, 2007, and 5 percent below July 1, 2006. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.42 million head on July 1, 2008

was down 3 percent from July 1, 2007. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 2.93 million head, were down 4 percent from last July.

Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class, United States, July 1, 2006-2008

Class	2006	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Percent-----
All Sheep and Lambs	7,770	7,600	7,350	97
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	4,635	4,540	4,420	97
Replacement Lambs				
Under One Year Old	670	645	620	96
Ewes – One Year Old				
And Older	3,780	3,710	3,620	98
Rams – One Year Old				
And Older	185	185	180	97
Market	3,135	3,060	2,930	96

Lamb Crop: Per 100 Ewes 1+, United States, 2006-2008

Period	Lamb Crop	Breeding Ewes 1+ Jan 1	Lambs per 100 Ewes 1+ Jan 1
	-----1,000 Head-----		Number
2006	4,065	3,661	111
2007	4,050	3,696	110
2008	3,970	3,617	110