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**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 1000 or more head totaled 164,000 head on August 1, 2008, up 10,000 head from July's total of 154,000 head. Placements for July remained steady at 32,000 head from June. Marketings were 21,000 in July, up 6,000 head from June. Other disappearance remained unchanged from June's 1,000 head.

**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 9.87 million head on August 1, 2008. The inventory was 4 percent below August 1, 2007 and 9 percent below August 1, 2006. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.66 million, 2 percent above 2007 but 15 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.62 million head. This is the second

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lowest placements for the month of July since the series began in 1996. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 360,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 320,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 476,000 head and 800 pounds and greater were 505,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 2.04 million, 2 percent above 2007 and 5 percent above 2006. Other disappearance totaled 45,000 during July, 26 percent below 2007 and 22 percent below 2006.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots <sup>1/</sup>**

	Number on Feed			Placed			Marketed			Other Disappearance <sup>2/</sup>		
	8/1/07	7/1/08	8/1/08	DURING								
				7/07	6/08	7/08	7/07	6/08	7/08	7/07	6/08	7/08
AZ	341	356	357	32	32	37	33	40	35	1	1	1
CA	540	520	515	51	52	45	54	55	48	2	2	2
CO	870	820	750	115	*85	105	175	*175	170	10	10	5
ID	205	200	180	35	33	29	49	47	48	1	1	1
IA	500	500	475	64	41	51	73	60	75	1	1	1
KS	2,100	2,080	2,010	430	330	440	450	430	500	20	10	10
NE	1,910	2,050	1,920	350	290	320	480	475	440	10	15	10
<b>NM</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
OK	305	300	290	48	57	46	67	61	55	1	1	1
SD	175	185	170	22	21	21	42	38	35	2	3	1
TX	2,780	2,660	2,590	390	460	460	470	480	520	10	10	10
WA	144	140	133	27	28	32	32	32	38	1	1	1
Oth Sts	300	330	315	46	57	43	60	58	57	1	4	1
<b>US</b>	<b>10,299</b>	<b>10,295</b>	<b>9,869</b>	<b>1,622</b>	<b>*1,518</b>	<b>1,661</b>	<b>1,999</b>	<b>*1,978</b>	<b>2,042</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>45</b>

<sup>1/</sup> 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. <sup>2/</sup> Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding. \* Revised.

## SEPTEMBER CROP PRODUCTION

**NEW MEXICO:** Corn for grain production is expected at 10.5 million bushels, up 9 percent from 2007. Harvested area remains at 60,000 acres and yields are expected to remain at 175 bushels per acre. Upland cotton yield is expected to average 988 pounds per acre, down from 1,095 pounds per acre in 2007. Producers are expecting to harvest 34,000 acres. American-Pima cotton yield is forecast at 800 pounds per acre, down from 856 pounds per acre last year. Sorghum for grain production is forecast at 2.03 million bushels with a yield of 45 bushels per acre, down from 3.0 million bushels and 75 bushels per acre in 2007. Peanut production is forecast at 28 million pounds with an average yield of 3,500 pounds per acre.

**UNITED STATES:** Corn production is forecast at 12.1 billion bushels, down 2 percent from last month and 8

percent below 2007. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 152.3 bushels per acre, down 2.7 bushels from August, but 1.2 bushels above last year. Sorghum production is forecast at 426 million bushels, up 4 percent from last month, but down 16 percent from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 2.93 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the August forecast, but up 13 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the fourth largest production on record. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 40.0 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushel from last month and down 1.2 bushels from 2007. Peanut production is forecast at 4.76 billion pounds, up 6 percent from last month and up 27 percent from last year.

Upland cotton production is forecast at 13.4 million 480-pound bales, up 1 percent from last month, but 27 percent below 2007. American-Pima production is forecast at 459,000 bales, down 46 percent from last year.

**Area Harvested, Yield, and Production for Selected States and United States, 2007 and Forecasted September 1, 2008**

State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008		2007	2008
				Aug 1	Sept 1		
	---- 1,000 Acres ----		----- Bushels -----			----- 1,000 Bushels -----	
<b>Corn for Grain</b>							
CO	1,060	1,170	142.0	150.0	145.0	150,520	169,650
<b>NM</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>175.0</b>	<b>175.0</b>	<b>175.0</b>	<b>9,625</b>	<b>10,500</b>
TX	2,000	2,250	148.0	126.0	124.0	296,000	279,000
US	86,542	79,290	151.1	155.0	152.3	13,073,893	12,072,365
<b>Sorghum for Grain</b>							
CO	150	180	37.0	25.0	27.0	5,550	4,860
<b>NM</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>2,025</b>
TX	2,450	2,250	66.0	52.0	52.0	161,700	117,000
US	6,805	6,442	74.2	63.7	66.1	504,993	425,572
<b>Soybeans</b>							
TX	82	185	37.0	23.0	23.0	3,034	4,255
US	62,820	73,341	41.2	40.5	40.0	2,585,207	2,933,888
<b>Peanuts</b>							
				----- Pounds -----		----- 1,000 Pound -----	
<b>NM</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>28,000</b>
TX	187	250	3,950	3,800	3,500	738,650	875,000
US	1,195.00	1,494.00	3,130	3,151	3,188	3,740,650	4,762,450
<b>Upland Cotton</b>							
				----- Pounds -----		----- 1000 Bales 1/ -----	
AZ	168.0	128.0	1,469	1,461	1,425	514.0	380.0
<b>NM</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>34.0</b>	<b>1,095</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>89.0</b>	<b>70.0</b>
TX	4700.0	3400.0	843	734	748	8250.0	5300.0
US	10201.0	7660.0	864	831	839	18355.1	13387.0
<b>Amer-Pima Cotton</b>							
AZ	2.5	1.0	883	960	960	4.6	2.0
<b>NM</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>5.0</b>
TX	24.0	15.0	920	840	1,024	46.0	32.0
US	288.1	170.0	1,419	1,292	1,296	851.8	459.0

1/ Production ginned and to be ginned. Yield reported in pounds per acre; production in bales (480 lb. net wt.).

## U.S. - Canadian Cattle Inventory Down 1 Percent

All cattle and calves in the U. S. and Canada combined totaled 119.5 million head on July 1, 2008, down 1 percent from a year ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 48.2 million head, was down 1 percent from a year ago.

was down slightly from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in Canada as of July 1, 2008, totaled 15.2 million head, down 4 percent from the 15.9 million on July 1, 2007, and 5 percent below the 16.0 million two years ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 5.84 million, was down 4 percent from the 6.08 million on July 1, 2007, and 5 percent below the 6.17 million from two years ago.

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 1 percent below the 105.2 million two years ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.4 million head,

**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, United States and Canada, July 1, 2007-2008 <sup>1/</sup>**

Class	United States			Canada			United States and Canada		
	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
Cattle and Calves	104,800	104,300	100	15,885	15,195	96	120,685	119,495	99
Cows & Heifers That Have Calved	42,500	42,400	100	6,084	5,844	96	48,584	48,244	99
Beef Cows	33,350	33,150	99	5,105	4,862	95	38,455	38,012	99
Milk Cows	9,150	9,250	101	979	982	100	10,129	10,232	101
Other Cattle	62,300	61,900	99	9,801	9,352	95	72,101	71,252	99
Heifers 500 Pounds & Over	16,600	16,500	99	2,445	2,308	94			
For Beef Cow Replacement	4,700	4,600	98	668	655	98			
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,900	3,900	100	488	477	98			
Other Heifers	8,000	8,000	100	1,289	1,176	91			
Steers 500 Pounds & Over	14,900	14,700	99						
Bulls 500 Pounds & Over	2,100	2,100	100						
Calves Under 500 Pounds	28,700	28,600	100						
Steers 1 Year & Over				1,790	1,576	88			
Bulls 1 Year & Over				263	261	99			
Calves Under 1 Year				5,303	5,207	98			
Calf Crop <sup>2/</sup>	37,361	37,250	100	5,541	<sup>3/</sup> 4449		42,902		

<sup>1/</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

<sup>2/</sup> January to December calf crop.

<sup>3/</sup> For current year, January to June calf crop only.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service and Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada

## U.S. JULY MILK PRODUCTION UP 1.7 PERCENT

**NEW MEXICO:** Milk production in **New Mexico** during July totalled 676 million pounds. Milk per cow during the month averaged 2,000 pounds. Milk cows on farms dropped to 338,000 head. New Mexico is ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in the nation in milk production.

**UNITED STATES:** Milk production in the 23 major States during July totalled 14.8 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from July 2007. June revised production at 14.7 billion pounds,

was up 3.2 percent from June 2007. The June revision represented a decrease of 19 million pounds or -0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,742 pounds for July, unchanged from July 2007. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 143,000 head more than July 2007, and 5,000 head more than June 2008.

**Milk Cows and Production: June 2008 <sup>1/</sup> and July 2007 - 2008**

State	Milk Cows <sup>2/</sup>			Milk per Cow <sup>3/</sup>			Milk Production <sup>3/</sup>		
	7/07	6/08	7/08	7/07	6/08	7/08	7/07	6/08	7/08
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	181	186	185	1,875	1,950	1,815	339	363	336
CA	1,816	1,848	1,846	1,900	1,850	1,850	3,450	3,419	3,415
CO	119	128	129	2,005	1,940	1,950	239	248	252
FL	127	122	122	1,380	1,415	1,370	175	173	167
ID	516	551	556	1,970	1,900	1,970	1,017	1,047	1,095
IL	103	102	102	1,550	1,565	1,520	160	160	155
IN	167	166	166	1,700	1,650	1,650	284	274	274
IA	215	216	215	1,700	1,660	1,670	366	359	359
KS	108	111	111	1,660	1,760	1,730	179	195	192
KY	89	91	90	1,150	1,070	1,060	102	97	95
MI	336	348	348	1,940	1,840	1,870	652	640	651
MN	463	463	463	1,575	1,585	1,590	729	734	736
MO	110	110	111	1,220	1,240	1,170	134	136	130
<b>NM</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>1,970</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>676</b>
NY	626	626	626	1,650	1,680	1,690	1,033	1,052	1,058
OH	276	282	282	1,530	1,550	1,540	422	437	434
OR	114	113	113	1,675	1,550	1,595	191	175	180
PA	550	546	546	1,610	1,630	1,630	886	890	890
TX	348	377	383	1,720	1,870	1,850	599	705	709
VT	139	140	140	1,555	1,565	1,585	216	219	222
VA	100	98	97	1,450	1,410	1,425	145	138	138
WA	236	244	244	2,000	1,970	2,005	472	481	489
WI	1,248	1,252	1,252	1,675	1,650	1,675	2,090	2,066	2,097
<b>23 STS</b>	<b>8,322</b>	<b>8,460</b>	<b>8,465</b>	<b>1,742</b>	<b>1,735</b>	<b>1,742</b>	<b>14,500</b>	<b>14,678</b>	<b>14,750</b>

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

## U.S. Peanut Stocks in Commercial Storage Totaled 1.03 Billion Pounds

Peanut stocks reported in commercial storage on July 31, 2008 totaled 1.03 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared with 1.52 billion pounds a year ago. This total includes 347 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 627 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 57.8 million pounds.

### Stocks of Peanuts and Specified Products at Month's End, Crop of 2007-2008 <sup>1/</sup>

Month Ending	Farmer Stock	Shelled Peanuts <sup>2/</sup>	Roasting Stock (In Shell)	Farmer Stock Equivalent	
				Shelled Peanuts	Total <sup>3/</sup>
----- 1,000 Pounds -----					
July 2007	730,134	562,319	42,103	747,884	1,520,121
June 2008	585,370	510,923	66,148	679,528	1,331,046
July 2008	346,948	471,101	57,795	626,564	1,031,307

<sup>1/</sup> Excludes stocks on farms. Includes stocks owned by or held for account of peanut producers and CCC in commercial storage facilities. Farmer stock on net weight basis.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes shelled edible grades, shelled oil stock, and shelled seed (untreated).

<sup>3/</sup> Actual farmer stock, plus roasting stock, plus shelled peanuts X 1.33.

### Farmer Stock Peanuts, by Type, on Hand at Month's End, Crop of 2007-2008 <sup>1/</sup>

Month Ending	Virginias and Valencias	Runners	Spanish	Total All Types
----- 1,000 pounds -----				
July 2007	68,042	659,042	3,050	730,134
June 2008	105,598	462,520	17,252	585,370
July 2008	71,712	271,360	3,876	346,948

<sup>1/</sup> Excludes stocks on farms. Includes stocks owned by or held for account of peanut producers and CCC in commercial storage facilities. Farmer stock on net weight basis.

### Production of Shelled and Roasting Stock (In Shell) Peanuts, by Month, Crop of 2007-2008

Month Ending	Shelled Edibles <sup>1/</sup>				Shelled Oil Stocks <sup>2/</sup>	Total Shelled	Roasting Stock <sup>3/</sup>
	Virginias and Valencias	Runners	Spanish	Total			
----- 1,000 Pounds -----							
July 2007	15,445	155,142	9,080	179,668	22,392	202,060	12,085
Aug. 2006 -- July 2007	253,254	2,078,898	83,342	2,415,495	347,243	2,762,738	221,618
June 2008	20,114	164,992	7,597	192,703	16,094	208,797	19,241
July 2008	15,609	136,537	4,202	156,348	19,134	175,482	16,511
Aug. 2007 -- July 2008	259,627	1,978,798	53,178	2,291,603	319,186	2,610,789	257,386

<sup>1/</sup> Includes peanuts milled for seed. <sup>2/</sup> Includes straight run oil stock peanuts. <sup>3/</sup> Cleaned and unshelled.

## CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 14, 2008

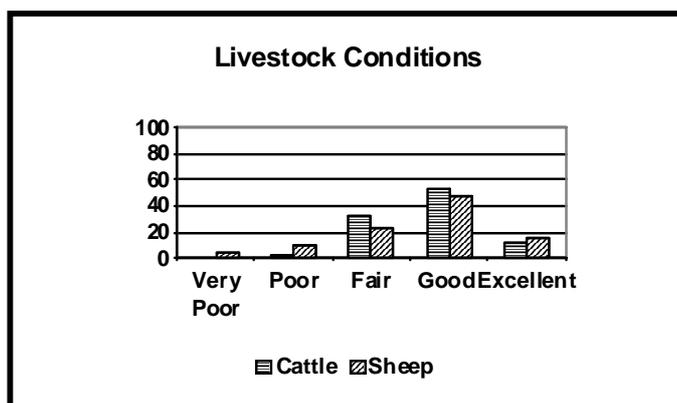
**NEW MEXICO:** Alfalfa was mostly good with the fifth cutting 62% complete. Cotton was mostly good with 45% of bolls opening. Corn was mostly good with 80% in the dent stage and 35% mature. Irrigated sorghum was mostly good with 75% coloring and 11% mature. Dry sorghum was mostly poor to fair with 83% headed and 56% coloring. Chile was mostly good with 83% of the green harvest and 19% of the red harvest completed. Peanuts were mostly fair to good with 27% harvested. Pecans were mostly good. Cattle were mostly good. Sheep were mostly fair to good. Range and pastures were mostly fair to good. There were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 13% very short, 31% short, 55% adequate, and 1% surplus. Wind damage was 5% light and 2% moderate.

### CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
<b>CHILE (Green)</b>	Harvested	83	78	81	85
<b>CHILE (Red)</b>	Harvested	19	N/A	12	6
<b>CORN</b>	Dent	80	70	96	98
<b>CORN</b>	Mature	35	30	69	65
<b>COTTON</b>	Opening Bolls	45	26	69	58
<b>PEANUTS</b>	Harvested	27	5	9	3
<b>SORGHUM (ALL)</b>	Headed	89	86	100	99
<b>SORGHUM (ALL)</b>	Coloring	69	49	71	60
<b>SORGHUM (ALL)</b>	Mature	6	2	7	8
<b>WHEAT</b>	Planted	72	53	68	78

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	2	24	65	8
Chile	---	4	25	56	15
Corn	---	---	17	67	16
Cotton	---	---	22	60	18
Peanuts	---	---	50	40	10
Pecan	---	---	20	56	24
Sorghum (All)	---	17	47	35	1
Cattle	---	3	32	53	12
Sheep	4	10	23	47	16
Range/Pasture	2	7	43	34	14

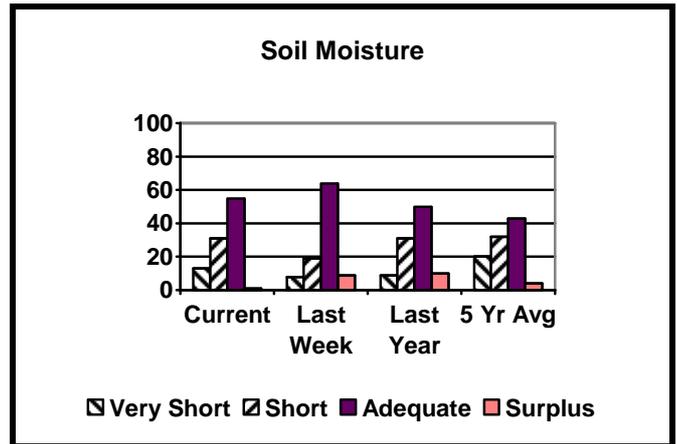


### **Additional Comments:**

**De Baca:** Scattered light showers received this week. **Quay:** Cooler weather has slowed growth of alfalfa and other forage crops. Range pastures still in very good condition, but beginning to show signs of dryness in most areas. Pecans in dough stage with 80% shell hardening. Average fall drop of pecans will make a decent harvest. **Roosevelt:** Weather conditions are cooling off and affecting how plants are growing and maturing. **San Miguel/Mora:** All looks very dry. **Torrance:** Corn silage cutting in full swing. Cattle shipping has begun. **Sierra:** The heavy rainfall received September 8, caused flooding and field saturation in more than 700 acres of cropland, delayed harvesting of corn, alfalfa, and chile crop. **Doña Ana:** The farmers are cutting and baling alfalfa and grasses, and irrigating pecans, cotton, chile, alfalfa, oats, rye, wheat and onion. **Lea:** Worries of an early frost persist. Corn for silage is being chopped. The southern Lea County is dry. Has been an expensive year for ranchers in the southern part of the county as they have been supplemental feeding since last winter.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	21	30	48	1
Northeast	21	33	46	---
Southwest	---	46	51	3
Southeast	2	12	82	4
State Current	13	31	55	1
State-Last Week	8	19	64	9
State-Last Year	9	31	50	10
State-5-Yr Avg.	20	32	43	4



WEATHER SUMMARY

Temperatures were cooler than normal with the south central and southeast the coolest. Precipitation amounts were higher in the north east and near Carrizozo and Ruidoso with 0.76 at Tucumcari, 0.68 at Roy and .59 at Ruidoso. Very little precipitation fell in the western quarter of the state. The next few days may bring showers and thundershowers over the higher terrain with a possible increase over the weekend.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – SEPTEMBER 15 - 21, 2008

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 15-Sept - 21-Sept	Month 01-Sept - 21-Sept	Accum. 1-Jan - 21-Sept	Normal Sept	Normal Jan-Sept
<b>Northwest</b>								
Albuquerque	69.1	83	56	0.07	0.07	6.08	1.00	7.06
Chama	53.2	74	31	0.08	1.44	17.09	2.23	16.13
Farmington	66.6	84	47	0.00	0.21	4.50	0.97	6.33
Gallup	60.2	81	38	0.04	0.51	9.75	1.31	9.67
Grants	61.6	88	35	0.00	0.43	5.55	1.56	8.51
Johnson Ranch	59.9	81	37	0.00	0.00	5.40	1.33	9.05
Los Alamos	58.6	75	44	0.07	0.11	10.27	2.12	15.30
Red River	47.9	70	25	0.12	0.53	7.78	1.66	16.69
Santa Fe	61.2	82	41	0.00	0.42	8.60	1.51	11.54
<b>Northeast</b>								
Capulin	55.6	75	33	0.52	0.71	13.57	2.22	15.30
Clayton	66.1	82	47	0.32	0.43	11.03	1.77	13.38
Clovis	66.0	83	48	0.03	0.56	7.94	2.16	14.90
Las Vegas	58.7	78	40	0.12	0.56	13.45	2.40	16.27
Moriarty	57.7	81	36	0.00	0.51	7.51	1.61	10.67
Raton	60.7	81	39	0.03	0.39	9.49	1.61	14.64
Roy	61.9	79	43	0.68	1.38	12.34	1.90	13.74
Tucumcari	68.3	86	48	0.76	0.83	15.24	1.47	12.45
<b>Southwest</b>								
Animas	68.9	90	52	0.00	0.48	8.43	1.68	8.76
Deming	67.9	89	51	0.00	1.47	11.25	1.63	8.11
Gran Quivira	60.1	79	40	0.00	0.99	14.13	1.95	12.74
Quemado	58.6	79	37	0.00	0.23	6.73	1.73	11.41
Socorro	64.1	85	44	0.00	0.71	5.87	1.53	7.37
T or C	66.4	84	51	0.08	2.55	10.51	1.08	7.67
<b>Southeast</b>								
Alamogordo	66.5	85	47	0.00	1.37	9.40	1.99	9.91
Carlsbad	67.3	86	49	0.00	2.24	8.53	2.75	10.74
Carrizozo	60.3	79	42	0.50	1.72	8.03	1.88	10.12
Las Cruces	68.9	87	53	0.00	1.48	9.25	1.36	7.28
Roswell	64.9	83	47	0.01	1.47	7.89	1.87	10.64
Ruidoso	53.8	73	35	0.59	2.24	19.38	2.50	17.53
Tatum	63.5	83	46	0.00	0.58	10.31	2.36	13.53

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

**AGRICULTURAL PRICES RECEIVED**

**NEW MEXICO:** Alfalfa hay prices for August averaged \$189.00 per ton, compared to \$197.00 per ton in July. All hay prices also dropped from \$194.00 per ton in July 2008, to \$189.00 per ton. Cow prices remained stable at \$60.70 per hundredweight. Steer and heifer prices increased by

\$1.00 from the July price of \$101.00 per hundredweight to \$102.00 per hundredweight in August. Calf prices also increased by \$1.00 to \$120.00 per hundredweight. Milk prices declined from \$19.00 per hundredweight to \$18.60 per hundredweight.

**Prices Received by Farmers: Selected Commodities, July 2008 and August 2007- 08**

Commodity	Unit	New Mexico			U.S. <sup>1/</sup>
		August 2007 <sup>2/</sup>	July 2008 <sup>2/</sup>	August 2008 <sup>1/</sup>	August
-----Dollars-----					
<b>CROPS</b>					
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	-	-	-	8.26
Cotton, Upland	Lb.	-	-	-	.594
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	11.32
Hay, all baled	Ton	158.00	194.00	186.00	165.00
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	160.00	197.00	189.00	180.00
Peanuts	Lb.	-	-	-	.201
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	4.90
Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	8.02
<b>LIVESTOCK</b>					
Sheep <sup>3/</sup>	Cwt.	-	-	-	26.90
Lambs <sup>3/</sup>	Cwt.	-	-	-	103.00
Cows	Cwt.	54.00	60.70	60.70	57.60
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	101.00	101.00	102.00	100.00
Calves	Cwt.	126.00	119.00	120.00	114.00
Milk	Cwt.	21.40	19.00	18.60	18.50

<sup>1/</sup> Mid-month <sup>2/</sup> Entire month <sup>3/</sup> July - entire month