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CATTLE ON FEED

NEW MEXICO: Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in New Mexico feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 173,000 head on October 1, 2008, up 6,000 head from the September total of 167,000 head. Placements for September remained steady with August's total of 27,000 head. Marketings were 20,000 in September, down 3,000 head from the previous month. Other disappearance remained unchanged from August's total of 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 10.4 million head on October 1, 2008. The inventory was 5 percent below October 1, 2007 and 9 percent below October 1, 2006. The inventory included 6.51 million steers and steer calves, down 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.85 million head,

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down 5 percent from 2007. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.28 million, 6 percent below 2007 but 2 percent above 2006. Net placements were 2.23 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 445,000, 600-699 pounds were 415,000, 700-799 pounds were 541,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 880,000. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.81 million, 7 percent above 2007 and 3 percent above 2006. Other disappearance totaled 51,000 during September, 6 percent below 2007 and 25 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/}		
	10/1/07	9/1/08	10/1/08	-----DURING-----								
				9/07	8/08	9/08	9/07	8/08	9/08	9/07	8/08	9/08
AZ	350	362	360	28	33	24	24	27	25	2	1	1
CA	540	505	505	60	37	55	47	45	53	3	2	2
CO	940	770	870	255	190	255	160	165	150	5	5	5
ID	210	180	195	48	45	57	41	44	41	2	1	1
IA	510	470	475	100	72	81	79	75	75	1	2	1
KS	2,310	2,090	2,160	540	520	485	355	430	400	15	10	15
NE	2,140	1,960	2,110	540	445	550	320	395	390	10	10	10
NM	133	167	173	17	27	27	13	23	20	2	1	1
OK	325	305	315	72	70	60	56	54	49	1	1	1
SD	180	165	175	43	28	56	37	32	44	1	1	2
TX	2,840	2,580	2,590	590	510	510	480	510	490	10	10	10
WA	154	138	157	36	36	44	29	30	24	1	1	1
Oth Sts	335	305	330	86	48	77	55	54	51	1	4	1
US	10,967	9,997	10,415	2,415	2,061	2,281	1,696	1,884	1,812	54	49	51

^{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.

OCTOBER CROP PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Corn for grain production is forecast at 10.5 million bushels, up 9 percent from 2007. Harvested acreage remains at 60,000 acres and yields are expected at 175 bushels per acre. Upland cotton yield is expected to average 1,115 pounds per acre, up slightly 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 production is forecast at 3.28 million bushels with a yield of 41 bushels per acre, up from 3.0 million bushels and 40 bushels per acre in 2007. Peanut production is forecast at 28 million pounds with an average yield of 3,500 pounds per acre. Potato production is forecast at 2.15 million cwt compared to 2.00 a year ago.

UNITED STATES: Corn production is forecast at 12.0 billion bushels, down slightly from the October forecast and 8 percent below 2007. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 153.8 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from October but 2.7 bushels above last year. Soybean production is forecast at 2.92 billion bushels, down less than 1 percent from the October forecast but up 9 percent from last year. Upland cotton harvested area, at 7.59 million acres, is unchanged from last month but down 26 percent from last year. American-Pima harvested acres are unchanged from last month but down 41 percent from last year. Peanut

production is forecast at 4.99 billion pounds, up 1 percent from last month and up 36 percent from last year. Sorghum production is forecast at 465 million bushels, down 1 percent from the October 1 forecast and 8 percent below 2007. Fall potatoes production of fall potatoes for 2008 is forecast at 373 million cwt, down 8 percent from 2007. Area harvested, at 918,200 acres, is virtually unchanged from the July estimate but 8 percent lower than last year. The average yield, forecast at 407 cwt per acre, is down 2 cwt from last year's record high yield and, if realized, will be the second highest yield on record.

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

State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008		2007	2008
				Oct 1	Nov 1		
	----- 1,000 Acres -----		----- Bushels -----			----- 1,000 Bushel-----	
Corn for Grain							
CO	1,060	1,120	142.0	140.0	140.0	150,520	156,800
NM	55	60	175.0	175.0	175.0	9,625	10,500
TX	2,000	2,100	148.0	127.0	129.0	296,000	270,900
US	86,542	78,177	151.1	153.9	153.8	13,073,893	12,019,894
Sorghum for Grain							
CO	150	180	37.0	27.0	32.0	5,550	5,760
NM	75	80	40.0	41.0	41.0	3,000	3,280
TX	2,450	3,100	66.0	52.0	52.0	161,700	161,200
US	6,805	7,385	74.2	63.9	63.0	504,993	465,271
Soybeans							
TX	92	210	37.5	22.0	22.0	3,450	4,620
US	64,141	74,374	41.7	39.5	39.3	2,675,822	2,920,589
Peanuts			----- Pounds -----			----- 1,000 Pound -----	
NM	10.0	8.0	3,500	3,500	3,500	35,000	28,000
TX	187.0	250.0	3,700	3,500	3,300	691,900	825,000
US	1,195.0	1,494.0	3,076	3,298	3,342	3,675,250	4,993,300
Upland Cotton			----- Pounds -----			----- 1,000 Bales 1/ -----	
AZ	168.0	128.0	1,469	1,425	1,425	514.0	380.0
NM	39.0	34.0	1,095	1,101	1,115	89.0	79.0
TX	4,700.0	3,350.0	843	759	731	8,250.0	5,100.0
US	10,201.0	7,585.0	864	839	827	18,355.1	13,069.0
Amer-Pima Cotton							
AZ	2.5	1.0	883	960	960	4.6	2.0
NM	4.6	3.0	856	800	800	8.2	5.0
TX	24.0	15.0	920	768	1,024	46.0	32.0
US	288.1	170.0	1,419	1,273	1,296	851.8	459.0
Potatoes			----- Cwt. -----			----- 1,000 Cwt. -----	
CO	59.1	56.9	355	---	375	20,981	21,338
NM	5.4	5.8	370	---	370	1,998	2,146
US	1,129.7	1,043.1	396	---	394	446,807	410,545

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

SEPTEMBER MILK PRODUCTION UP 1.9 PERCENT

NEW MEXICO: Milk production in New Mexico during September totaled 632 million pounds. Milk per cow for the month averaged 1,880 pounds. Number of milk cows on farms was 336,000 head.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 23 major States during September totaled 14.0 billion pounds, up 1.9 percent from September 2007. August revised production at 14.6 billion pounds, was up 1.7 percent from August

2007. The August revision represented an increase of 24 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,652 pounds for September, 7 pounds above September 2007. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.46 million head, 118,000 head more than September 2007, but 8,000 head less than August 2008.

Milk Cows and Production: August 2008 ^{1/} and September 2007 - 2008

State	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	9/07	8/08	9/08	9/07	8/08	9/08	9/07	8/08	9/08
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	182	184	184	1,705	1,765	1,720	310	325	316
CA	1,822	1,843	1,841	1,785	1,845	1,780	3,252	3,400	3,277
CO	120	130	130	1,900	1,930	1,850	228	251	241
FL	125	120	120	1,150	1,240	1,165	144	149	140
ID	521	555	554	1,880	1,970	1,870	979	1,093	1,036
IL	103	102	102	1,440	1,455	1,425	148	148	145
IN	166	166	166	1,635	1,605	1,550	271	266	257
IA	215	215	215	1,580	1,660	1,630	340	357	350
KS	108	113	114	1,610	1,770	1,670	174	200	190
KY	88	88	87	1,040	1,030	1,020	92	91	89
MI	339	350	350	1,830	1,860	1,770	620	651	620
MN	463	465	465	1,485	1,565	1,500	688	728	698
MO	109	112	111	1,140	1,110	1,100	124	124	122
NM	336	337	336	1,800	1,935	1,880	605	652	632
NY	626	626	626	1,570	1,690	1,590	983	1,058	995
OH	277	280	278	1,425	1,520	1,450	395	426	403
OR	115	114	114	1,550	1,650	1,595	178	188	182
PA	550	548	548	1,550	1,590	1,530	853	871	838
TX	348	385	385	1,640	1,770	1,710	571	681	658
VT	140	140	139	1,465	1,535	1,470	205	215	204
VA	100	97	97	1,350	1,410	1,370	135	137	133
WA	240	245	244	1,905	1,985	1,900	457	486	464
WI	1,248	1,252	1,253	1,575	1,650	1,585	1,966	2,066	1,986
23 STS	8,341	8,467	8,459	1,645	1,720	1,652	13,718	14,563	13,976

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

DAIRY PRODUCTS PRICES HIGHLIGHTS

Cheddar Cheese prices received for US 40 pound Blocks averaged \$1.82 per pound for the week ending November 1. The price per pound decreased 3.2 cents from the previous week. The price for US 500 pound Barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.86 per pound, down 1.5 cents from the previous week.

Butter prices received for 25 kilogram and 68 pound boxes meeting USDA Grade AA standards averaged \$1.71 per pound for the week ending November 1. The U.S. price per pound decreased 0.9 cents from the previous week.

Nonfat Dry Milk prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade or USPH Grade A standards averaged \$0.91 per pound for the week ending November 1. The U.S. price per pound decreased 0.9 cents from the previous week.

Dry Whey prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade standards averaged 19.0 cents per pound for the week ending November 1. The U.S. price per pound decreased 0.2 cents from the previous week.

Cheddar Cheese Prices by Style and Region

Style and Region	Week Ending				
	Nov 1, 2008	Oct 25, 2008	Oct 18, 2008	Oct 11, 2008	Oct 4, 2008
-----Dollars per Pound-----					
40 Lb. Blocks					
Avg/. Price 1/					
MN/WI	1.9058	1.9790	1.9865	1.9665	1.9735
Oth Sts	1.8175	1.8453	1.8715	1.9124	1.9149
US	1.8236	1.8557	1.8781	1.9716	1.9194
Pounds					
Sales Volume 2/					
MN/WI	804,852	844,991	648,189	1,028,914	840,300
Oth Sts	10,810,670	9,977,762	10,690,455	10,040,348	10,098,273
US	11,615,522	10,822,753	11,338,644	11,069,262	10,938,573
-----Dollars per Pound-----					
500 Lb. Barrels					
Avg. Price 1/					
MN/WI	1.9551	1.9859	1.9425	1.9622	2.0508
Oth Sts	1.9534	1.9556	1.9653	2.0272	2.0080
US	1.9541	1.9683	1.9563	2.0029	2.0231
Price Adj. to 38% Moisture					
MN/WI	1.8703	1.9029	1.8638	1.8913	1.9669
Oth Sts	1.8539	1.8554	1.8596	1.9249	1.9028
US	1.8604	1.8752	1.8612	1.9124	1.9253
-----Pounds-----					
Sales Volume 2/					
MN/WI	3,726,027	3,994,704	3,830,418	3,373,940	3,246,431
Oth Sts	5,582,573	5,553,637	5,927,903	5,653,284	5,933,795
US	9,308,600	9,548,341	9,758,321	9,027,224	9,180,226
-----Percent-----					
Moisture Content					
MN/WI	35.19	35.30	35.38	35.67	35.35
Oth Sts	34.67	34.65	34.48	34.70	34.57
US	34.88	34.92	34.83	35.07	34.85

1/ Prices weighted by volumes reported.

2/ Sales as reported by participating manufacturers.

Butter Prices

Region	Week Ending				
	Nov 1, 2008	Oct 25, 2008	Oct 18, 2008	Oct 11, 2009	Oct 4, 2009
	-----Dollars per Pound-----				
Avg. Price 1/ US	1.7114	1.7202	1.7002	1.7007	1.6833
	-----Pounds-----				
Sales Volume 2/ US	3,384,540	3,186,005	3,642,963	2,609,238	4,288,319

1/ Prices weighted by volumes reported.

2/ Sales as reported by participating manufacturers.

PEANUT PRICE HIGHLIGHTS

Peanut prices received by farmers for all farmer stock peanuts averaged 21.5 cents per pound for the week ending November 1. The price per pound increased 0.3 cent from the previous week. Marketings of all farmer stock peanuts for the week ending November 1 totaled 105 million pounds, up 12.0 million pounds from the previous week.

The average price of Runner type peanuts was 22.2 cents per pound for the week ending November 1, up 1.4 cents from the previous week. Marketings of Runner type peanuts were 69.3 million pounds, up 11.0 million pounds from the previous week.

Peanuts: Prices and Marketings by Type and Week, United States

Item and Type	Week Ending				
	Nov 8, 2008	Nov 1, 2008	Oct 25, 2008	Oct 18, 2008	Oct 11, 2008
	----- Dollars per Pound -----				
Average Price					
Runners	0.197	0.222	0.208	0.206	0.187
Spanish	*	*	*	*	0.174
Valencias	*	*	*	*	
Virginias	0.22	0.208	0.218	0.188	0.195
All	0.201	0.215	0.212	0.203	0.188
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				
Marketings 1/					
Runners	94,694	69,250	58,284	46,099	47,658
Spanish	*	*	*	*	395
Valencias	*	*	*	*	0
Virginias	18,234	24,538	33,279	21,478	14,709
All	117,236	104,703	92,727	70,501	62,762

* Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

1/ Quantity purchased from farmers.

CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 16, 2008

NEW MEXICO: Days suitable for fieldwork 7.0. Topsoil moisture 18% very short, 51% short, 29% adequate, 2% surplus. Wind damage 13% light, 4% moderate, and 2% severe. Freeze damage 18% light, 16% moderate, and 19% severe. Alfalfa 4% very poor, 1% poor, 36% fair, 50% good, 9% excellent; sixth cut 75% complete. Cotton 26% fair, 59% good, 15% excellent; 99% bolls open, 41% harvested. Corn 55% good, 45% excellent; 88% grain harvested. Irrigated sorghum 1% poor, 8% fair, 88% good, 3% excellent, 44% harvested. Dry

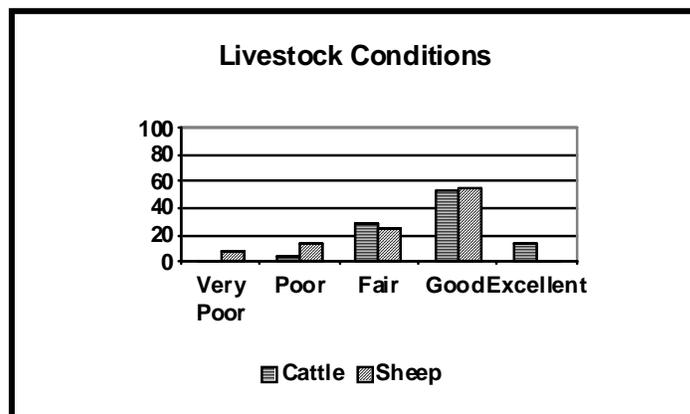
sorghum 7% very poor, 45% poor, 48% fair; 100% mature, 100% harvested. Peanuts 40% fair, 50% good, 10% excellent; 100% harvested. Lettuce 50% fair, 50% good, 95% harvested. Chile 11% poor, 27% fair, 46% good 16% excellent; 97% red chile harvested. Pecans 1% poor, 23% fair, 57% good, 19% excellent. Cattle 1% very poor, 4% poor, 29% fair, 53% good, 13% excellent. Sheep 7% very poor, 13% poor, 24% fair, 55% good, 1% excellent. Range and pasture 3% very poor, 17% poor, 46% fair, 29% good, and 5% excellent.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
ALFALFA	6th cutting	75	71	99	100
CHILE (Red)	Harvested	97	95	89	73
CORN	Harvest-grain	88	81	92	96
COTTON	Opening Bolls	99	97	100	100
COTTON	Harvested	41	31	74	56
SORGHUM (ALL)	Mature	100	81	67	89
SORGHUM (ALL)	Harvested	45	17	99	51
PEANUTS	Harvested	100	90	100	92

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	4	1	36	50	9
Chile	---	11	27	46	16
Corn	---	---	---	55	45
Cotton	---	---	26	59	15
Sorghum (All)	5	30	34	31	---
Peanuts	---	---	40	50	10
Pecan	---	1	23	57	19
Wheat (All)	---	10	29	51	10
Cattle	1	4	29	53	13
Sheep	7	13	24	55	1
Range/Pasture	3	17	46	29	5



Additional Comments:

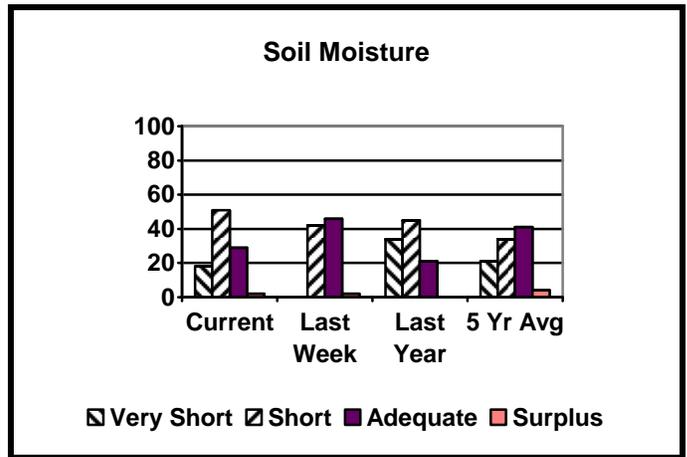
Santa Fe: Light winds as well as snow showers above 6,500 feet with sub freezing temperatures each night.

Guadalupe: Range and livestock conditions are good going into the winter months. Livestock producers marketing calves and culling herds. Harvesting and fall plantings pretty much complete. No moisture. **Quay:**

High winds and warm days have dried out moisture left in the topsoil. Hay production shut down. Cattle in good shape with plenty of pasture. **Socorro:** Ranchers gathering and shipping. Farming is done for the year. A killing frost has occurred in Catron and Socorro counties.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	36	29	30	5
Northeast	23	58	19	---
Southwest	---	72	28	---
Southeast	3	55	42	---
State Current	18	51	29	2
State-Last Week	---	42	46	2
State-Last Year	34	45	21	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	21	34	41	4



WEATHER SUMMARY

This has been a very dry week for most of the state except for a few stations in the north. Des Moines-Capulin had .64, Chama .44, and Farmington 0.15 inches. Temperatures were near normal over most of the state with Clayton a little above and Johnson Ranch a little below normal. The forecast for the week is mostly cool and dry.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – NOVEMBER 10 - 16, 2008

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week	Month	Accum.	Normal	Normal
				10-Nov-16-Nov	01-Nov-16-Nov	01-Jan-16-Nov	Nov	Jan-Nov
Northwest								
Albuquerque	46.3	66	28	0.01	0.02	7.49	0.43	8.38
Chama	34.4	61	9	0.44	0.53	19.07	1.72	19.81
Farmington	41.3	59	22	0.15	0.16	5.75	0.94	8.12
Gallup	37.4	65	11	0.05	0.10	10.18	0.95	11.91
Grants	40.9	69	15	0.05	0.10	6.25	0.58	10.14
Johnson Ranch	37.1	64	10	0.05	0.05	6.19	0.69	10.85
Los Alamos	39.0	59	17	0.00	0.00	11.03	1.02	17.64
Red River	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	9.44	1.18	19.33
Santa Fe	38.9	62	14	0.12	0.12	10.97	0.63	13.21
Northeast								
Capulin	37.6	70	9	0.64	0.64	14.36	0.67	16.94
Clayton	45.8	75	20	0.04	0.10	12.04	0.52	14.80
Clovis	47.4	73	24	0.00	0.02	9.39	0.73	16.97
Las Vegas	39.8	74	15	0.01	0.01	14.49	0.58	18.36
Moriarty	40.8	63	12	0.00	0.00	8.82	0.40	12.17
Raton	39.4	73	12	0.07	0.07	10.55	0.61	16.22
Roy	43.8	73	17	0.00	0.00	12.77	0.50	15.29
Tucumcari	48.1	77	24	0.00	0.00	18.25	0.51	13.90
Southwest								
Animas	50.6	74	32	0.00	0.00	8.43	0.71	10.62
Deming	50.0	77	28	0.00	0.00	11.35	0.64	9.73
Gran Quivira	42.3	63	15	0.02	0.02	16.78	0.91	14.92
Quemado	35.2	63	10	0.00	0.00	7.28	0.45	13.04
Socorro	45.9	69	20	0.00	0.00	7.01	0.47	8.95
T or C	49.9	72	31	0.00	0.00	10.88	0.60	9.22
Southeast								
Alamogordo	48.8	76	23	0.00	0.00	10.05	0.71	11.92
Carlsbad	50.6	77	24	0.00	0.00	8.95	0.59	12.38
Carrizozo	45.3	66	23	0.00	0.00	9.29	0.76	12.07
Las Cruces	50.9	78	28	0.00	0.00	9.66	0.53	8.72
Roswell	46.8	74	22	0.00	0.00	8.57	0.55	12.38
Ruidoso	42.1	66	16	0.08	0.08	20.37	0.88	19.72
Tatum	44.9	72	16	0.00	0.00	12.26	0.55	15.57

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

AGRICULTURAL PRICES RECEIVED

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa hay prices for October averaged \$189.00 per ton, \$2.00 above the September price of \$187.00 per ton. All Hay prices for October were \$186.00 per ton, also a \$2.00 increase from the previous month. Cow prices decreased to \$52.00 per hundredweight from the previous months price of \$58.00. Steer and heifer prices also decreased to \$96.00 per hundredweight compared to \$100.00 the

previous month. Calf prices dropped from \$119.00 per hundredweight in September to \$112.00 in October. The monthly price for milk cow replacements for the state was \$2,030 per head. The national average for milk cow replacements was \$1,920 per head. Milk prices decreased by \$0.20 to \$16.90 per hundredweight and were 4% below the national average of \$17.60.

Prices Received by Farmers: Selected Commodities, September 2008 and October 2007- 08

Commodity	Unit	New Mexico			U.S. ^{1/}
		October 2007 ^{1/}	September 2008 ^{2/}	October 2008 ^{1/}	October
-----Dollars-----					
CROPS					
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	-	-	-	5.75
Cotton, Upland	Lb.	-	-	-	.608
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	7.86
Hay, all baled	Ton	154.00	184.00	186.00	157.00
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	157.00	187.00	189.00	172.00
Peanuts	Lb.	-	-	-	.198
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	3.99
Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	5.79
LIVESTOCK					
Sheep ^{3/}	Cwt.	-	-	-	23.80
Lambs ^{3/}	Cwt.	-	-	-	99.60
Cows	Cwt.	49.00	58.00	52.00	49.20
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	102.00	100.00	96.00	93.80
Calves	Cwt.	117.00	119.00	112.00	108.00
Milk Cow Replacement ^{4/}	Head	1,950.00	---	2,030.00	1,920.00
Milk	Cwt.	21.00	17.10	16.90	17.60

^{1/} Mid-month ^{2/} Entire month ^{3/} September - entire month ^{4/} Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices available for January, April, July, and October.