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Crop Weather Onions

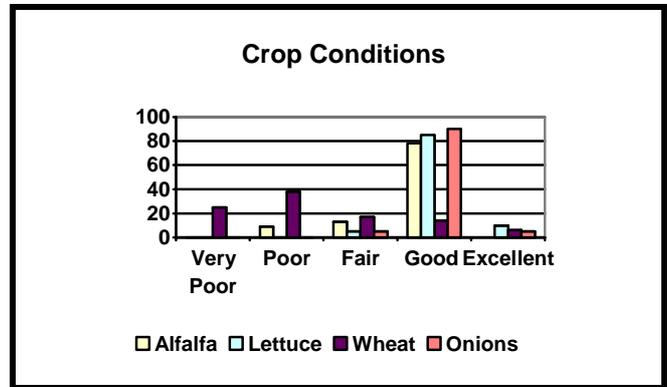
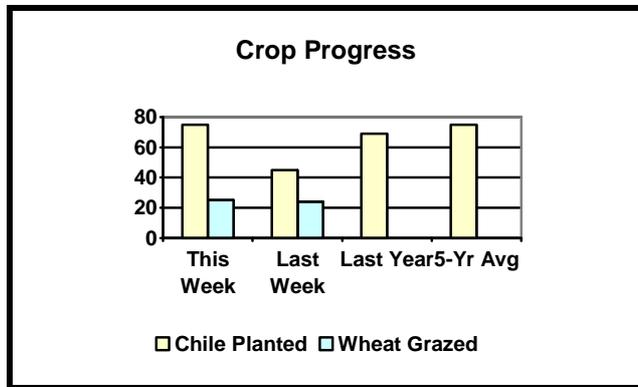
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 6, 2008

NEW MEXICO: There were 7.0 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 45% very short, 41% short, and 14% adequate. Wind damage was 30% light, 6% moderate and 3% severe. Freeze damage was 4% light and 1% moderate. Farmers spent the week planting and irrigating crops, as well as preparing fields for other spring planting. Alfalfa was reported as 9% poor, 13% fair, and 78% good. Irrigated winter wheat was reported as 26% poor, 25% fair, 33% good, and 16% excellent, with 1% headed and 47% being reported as grazed. Dry winter wheat was reported as 42% very poor, 46% poor, 11% fair, and 1% good, with 11% being reported as grazed. Total winter wheat was reported as 25% very poor, 38% poor, 17% fair, 14% good, and 6% excellent, with 25% being reported as grazed. Onions were reported as 5% fair, 90% good and 5% excellent. Lettuce was reported as 5% fair, 85% good and 10% excellent. Chile was reported as 5% poor, 85% fair, and 10% good with 75% reported as planted. Cattle conditions were reported as 1% very poor, 12% poor, 43% fair, 42% good and 2% excellent. Sheep conditions were reported as 9% very poor, 14% poor, 42% fair and 35% good. Range and pasture conditions were reported as 26% very poor, 37% poor, 29% fair and 8% good. Livestock producers have been busy supplemental feeding, hauling water and shearing sheep.

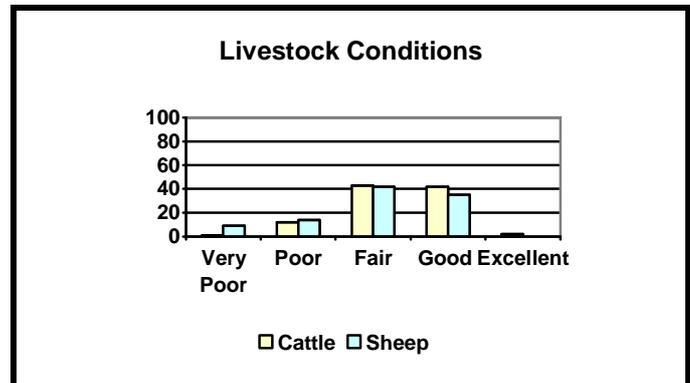
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Planted	75	45	69	75
WHEAT	Grazed	25	24	N/A	N/A



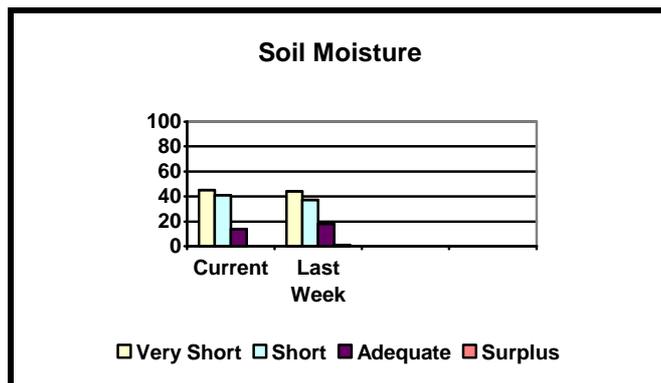
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	9	13	78	---
Chile	---	5	85	10	---
Lettuce	---	---	5	85	10
Onions	---	---	5	90	5
Wheat (All)	25	38	17	14	6
Cattle	1	12	43	42	2
Sheep	9	14	42	35	---
Range/Pasture	26	37	29	8	---



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	42	37	21	---
Northeast	40	51	9	---
Southwest	50	35	15	---
Southeast	53	33	12	2
State Current	45	41	14	---
State-Last Week	44	37	18	1
State-Last Year	---	---	---	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	---	---	---	---



WEATHER SUMMARY

Temperatures for the week remained near to slightly above normal. Some areas across Northern and Northeastern New Mexico saw minor amounts of precipitation.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – MARCH 31 – APRIL 6, 2008

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	03/31 04/06	03/31 04/06	01/01 04/06	Normal Apr.	Normal Jan-Apr
Farmington	46.9	67	24	0.00	0.00	2.02	0.51	2.48
Gallup	43.9	67	18	0.00	0.00	3.65	0.64	3.23
Capulin	42.2	66	23	0.05	0.05	1.73	1.01	2.86
Chama	38.8	59	18	0.03	0.00	5.90	1.27	6.61
Johnson Ranch	43.1	70	15	0.00	0.00	2.09	0.49	2.47
Las Vegas	45.0	67	21	0.00	0.00	0.89	0.83	2.54
Los Alamos	43.6	64	28	0.00	0.00	2.84	1.00	3.88
Raton	45.7	72	24	0.01	0.01	0.76	1.06	2.90
Red River	35.4	56	15	0.08	0.04	2.35	1.68	5.75
Santa Fe	47.2	68	24	0.00	0.00	2.34	0.81	2.87
Clayton	49.7	72	29	0.00	0.00	2.02	0.94	2.04
Clovis	54.5	75	32	0.00	0.00	2.07	0.81	2.30
Roy	47.4	68	25	0.05	0.05	1.17	0.82	2.14
Tucumcari	54.6	80	32	0.00	0.00	0.32	0.87	2.00
Grants	44.7	70	17	0.00	0.00	1.78	0.45	1.95
Quemado	43.2	70	18	0.00	0.00	1.05	0.60	2.95
Albuquerque	53.9	73	34	0.00	0.00	0.80	0.52	1.96
Carrizozo	52.8	73	29	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.36	2.10
Socorro	57.6	79	29	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.36	1.41
Gran Quivira	50.5	70	25	0.00	0.00	0.91	0.64	2.88
Moriarty	44.2	71	20	0.00	0.00	1.21	0.66	2.10
Ruidoso	45.3	65	25	0.00	0.00	1.41	0.63	4.24
Carlsbad	62.7	84	37	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.49	1.49
Roswell	57.5	81	36	0.00	0.00	0.22	0.65	1.99
Tatum	55.5	79	31	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.64	2.05
Alamogordo	58.9	80	36	0.00	0.00	0.42	0.26	1.93
Animas	59.7	81	38	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.20	1.86
Deming	57.1	81	30	0.00	0.00	0.42	0.18	1.54
Las Cruces	59.9	81	41	0.00	0.00	0.17	0.21	1.26
T or C	59.3	78	39	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.22	1.40

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

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

Onions

NEW MEXICO: Planted onion acreage for 2008 is 5,500 acres, 800 acres below planted acreage in 2007. Nationally, there were 155,750 planted acres, a decrease of 10,730 acres.

Onions: Area Planted by Season, State, and United States, 2006 – 2008

Season and State	2006	2007	2008
	-----Acres-----		
Spring Onions ^{1/}	40,800	33,800	31,600
Summer Onions Non-Storage			
CA ^{2/}	9,800	9,700	9,000
NV	2,600	2,800	2,900
NM	6,000	6,300	5,500
TX	1,000	1,100	800
WA	1,500	1,500	1,900
Total Non-Storage	20,900	21,400	20,100
Summer Storage	114,080	111,280	104,050
Total Summer	134,980	132,680	124,150
U.S. Total Onions	175,780	166,480	155,750

^{1/} Primarily fresh market. ^{2/} Primarily dehydrated and other processing.

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