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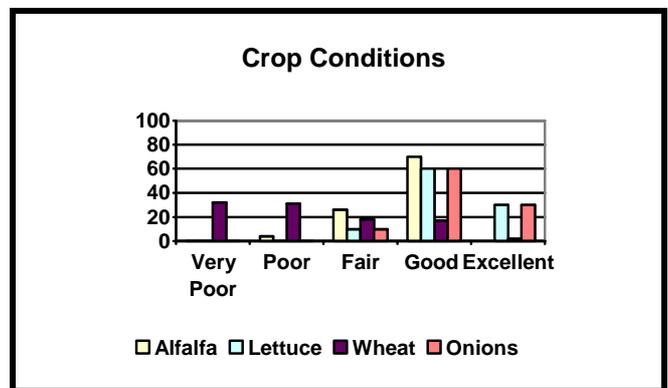
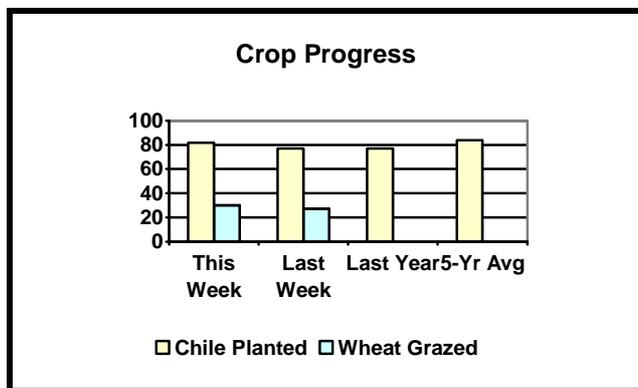
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## CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 20, 2008

**NEW MEXICO:** There were 6.6 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 41% very short, 35% short and 24% adequate. Wind damage was 46% light and 15% moderate. Freeze damage was 17% light and 6% moderate. Farmers spent the week planting, irrigating, and fertilizing crops. Alfalfa was reported as 4% poor, 26% fair, and 70% good, with 20% of first cutting complete. Cotton was reported as 8% planted. Corn was reported as 13% planted. Irrigated winter wheat was 11% poor, 42% fair, 43% good, and 4% excellent, with 21% headed, and 55% grazed. Dry winter wheat was reported as 53% very poor, 45% poor, and 2% fair, with 5% headed, and 14% grazed. Total winter wheat was 32% very poor, 31% poor, 18% fair, 17% good, and 2% excellent, with 11% headed, and 30% grazed. Lettuce was reported as 10% fair, 60% good and 30% excellent. Chile was 31% fair, 37% good, and 32% excellent, with 81% planted. Onions were 10% fair, 60% good and 30% excellent. Cattle conditions were 2% very poor, 24% poor, 44% fair, 29% good and 1% excellent. Sheep conditions were 7% very poor, 19% poor, 38% fair and 36% good. Range and pasture conditions were 20% very poor, 50% poor, 27% fair, and 3% good. Livestock producers have been busy supplemental feeding, hauling water, calving, and moving cattle.

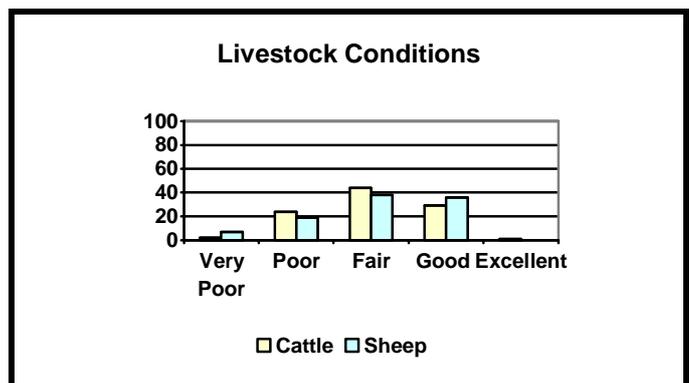
### CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Planted	81	77	77	84
CORN	Planted	13	N/A	24	19
COTTON	Planted	8	N/A	17	28
WHEAT	Grazed	30	27	N/A	N/A



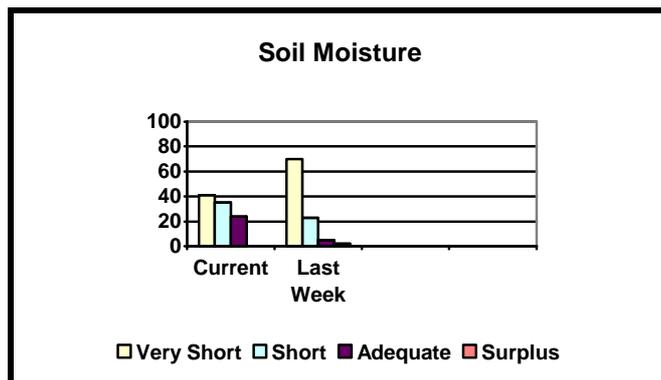
### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	4	26	70	---
Chile	---	---	31	37	32
Lettuce	---	---	10	60	30
Onions	---	---	10	60	30
Wheat (All)	32	31	18	17	2
Cattle	2	24	44	29	1
Sheep	7	19	38	36	---
Range/Pasture	20	50	27	3	---



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	10	38	52	---
Northeast	31	54	15	---
Southwest	60	30	10	---
Southeast	63	12	24	1
State Current	41	35	24	---
State-Last Week	70	23	5	2
State-Last Year	---	---	---	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	---	---	---	---



WEATHER SUMMARY

A cold front moved across New Mexico on Thursday the 17th...bringing colder temperatures and precipitation over the north...central...and eastern portions of the state. Precipitation amounts were generally small...except in Capulin and Tucumcari...where 0.41 and 0.66 fell respectively. Temperatures were much warmer through the weekend.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – APRIL 14 - 20, 2008

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 04/14 04/20	Month 04/01 04/20	Accum. 2008	Normal Apr	Normal Jan-Apr
Farmington	49.3	80	23	0.00	0.03	2.05	0.51	2.48
Gallup	47.6	74	17	0.00	0.00	3.65	0.64	3.23
Capulin	47.1	74	20	0.41	0.80	2.48	1.01	2.86
Chama	42.6	68	15	0.02	0.40	6.30	1.27	6.61
Johnson Ranch	45.7	75	15	0.00	0.15	2.24	0.49	2.47
Las Vegas	48.9	74	21	0.05	0.36	1.25	0.83	2.54
Los Alamos	48.9	72	24	0.08	0.10	2.94	1.00	3.88
Raton	50.4	79	20	0.01	0.11	0.86	1.06	2.90
Red River	32.7	62	4	0.00	0.86	3.17	1.68	5.75
Santa Fe	51.2	79	26	0.08	0.15	2.49	0.81	2.87
Clayton	56.1	85	30	0.00	0.01	2.03	0.94	2.04
Clovis	57.6	87	29	0.00	0.24	2.31	0.81	2.30
Roy	54.8	80	23	0.05	0.31	1.43	0.82	2.14
Tucumcari	60.9	90	31	0.66	1.44	1.76	0.87	2.00
Grants	46.3	75	14	0.00	0.00	1.78	0.45	1.95
Quemado	47.1	75	11	0.00	0.05	1.10	0.60	2.95
Albuquerque	57.9	83	29	0.00	0.11	0.91	0.52	1.96
Carrizozo	56.6	81	19	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.36	2.10
Socorro	57.5	87	21	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.36	1.41
Gran Quivira	54.6	78	27	0.06	0.06	0.97	0.64	2.88
Moriarty	47.6	79	20	0.05	0.12	1.33	0.66	2.10
Ruidoso	50.4	72	21	0.02	0.02	1.43	0.63	4.24
Carlsbad	62.4	93	29	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.49	1.49
Roswell	59.8	90	27	0.00	0.00	0.22	0.65	1.99
Tatum	56.6	87	24	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.64	2.05
Alamogordo	60.3	87	28	0.00	0.00	0.42	0.26	1.93
Animas	62.6	87	32	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.20	1.86
Deming	61.9	87	29	0.00	0.00	0.42	0.18	1.54
Las Cruces	60.9	88	37	0.00	0.00	0.17	0.21	1.26
T or C	60.6	85	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.

## 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 158,000 head on April 1, 2008. This compares to 160,000 head on March 1, 2008. Placements decreased by 5,000 head, from 15,000 head in February 2008 to 10,000 head in March. Marketings decreased by 3,000 head, from 14,000 head in February 2008 to 11,000 head in March. Other disappearance remained at 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 11.7 million head on April 1, 2008. The inventory was slightly above April 1, 2007 but 1 percent below April 1, 2006. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.74 million, 11 percent below 2007 and 5 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.67 million head. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.84 million, slightly below 2007 and 6 percent below 2006. Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during March, 12 percent below 2007 and 30 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>		
	4/1/07	3/1/08	4/1/08	-----DURING-----								
				3/07	2/08	3/08	3/07	2/08	3/08	3/07	2/08	3/08
	-----1,000 Head-----											
AZ	340	377	374	46	36	30	33	30	31	2	2	2
CA	530	545	530	68	60	55	65	63	65	3	7	5
CO	1,020	1,050	1,020	160	155	135	140	190	160	10	5	5
ID	245	235	230	38	39	37	42	38	39	1	1	3
IA	530	560	550	72	62	59	70	69	68	1	3	1
KS	2,480	2,410	2,420	510	390	440	430	400	415	20	10	15
NE	2,480	2,490	2,450	350	350	360	370	360	390	10	10	10
<b>NM</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
OK	350	350	340	68	45	50	67	48	58	1	2	2
SD	230	235	225	40	47	32	37	40	37	3	2	5
TX	2,800	2,920	2,880	520	440	450	495	440	480	15	10	10
WA	163	151	152	26	30	30	32	30	28	1	2	1
Oth Sts	345	370	355	43	54	48	45	54	60	3	5	3
<b>US</b>	<b>11,644</b>	<b>11,853</b>	<b>11,684</b>	<b>1,960</b>	<b>1,723</b>	<b>1,736</b>	<b>1,843</b>	<b>1,776</b>	<b>1,842</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>63</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.

## MILK PRODUCTION

**NEW MEXICO:** Milk production in New Mexico during March totaled 677 million pounds. Milk per cow for the month averaged 1,990 pounds. Number of milk cows on farms was 340,000 head.

### Milk Cows and Production: February 2007 <sup>1/</sup> and March 2007-2008

State	Milk Cows <sup>2/</sup>			Milk per Cow <sup>3/</sup>			Milk Production <sup>3/</sup>		
	03/07	2/08	03/08	03/07	2/08	03/08	03/07	2/08	03/08
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	179	185	186	2,195	1,960	2,190	393	363	407
CA	1,799	1,843	1,846	1,975	1,805	1,970	3,553	3,327	3,637
CO	115	125	126	1,910	1,815	1,945	220	227	245
FL	130	124	123	1,610	1,485	1,650	209	184	203
ID	504	537	540	1,880	1,750	1,900	948	940	1,026
IL	103	102	102	1,655	1,515	1,640	170	155	167
IN	167	167	167	1,770	1,600	1,730	296	267	289
IA	211	216	216	1,750	1,600	1,730	369	346	374
KS	110	109	109	1,720	1,660	1,835	189	181	200
KY	93	91	91	1,260	1,130	1,260	117	103	115
MI	329	344	344	1,955	1,760	1,860	643	605	640
MN	455	463	463	1,650	1,520	1,625	751	704	752
MO	115	110	110	1,370	1,170	1,300	158	129	143
<b>NM</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>1,990</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>677</b>
NY	628	626	626	1,630	1,590	1,680	1,024	995	1,052
OH	275	279	280	1,560	1,441	1,550	429	402	434
OR	115	114	114	1,750	1,475	1,595	201	168	182
PA	550	551	549	1,710	1,540	1,680	941	849	922
TX	347	370	370	1,920	1,785	1,980	666	660	733
VT	140	140	140	1,535	1,500	1,590	215	210	223
VA	100	98	98	1,570	1,470	1,610	157	144	158
WA	235	244	245	2,000	1,850	1,990	470	451	488
WI	1,246	1,250	1,251	1,640	1,540	1,660	2,043	1,925	2,077
<b>23 STS</b>	<b>8,295</b>	<b>8,427</b>	<b>8,436</b>	<b>1,783</b>	<b>1,654</b>	<b>1,795</b>	<b>14,787</b>	<b>13,942</b>	<b>15,144</b>

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