



MONTHLY AG UPDATE – JANUARY 12, 2009

nass-nm@nass.usda.gov

USDA/NASS NEW MEXICO FIELD OFFICE

Issue 2009 01 12 AG

Available on the Internet: www.nass.usda.gov/nm, or by email (1-800-530-8810 for information)

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 167,000 head on December 1, 2008, down 5,000 head from the November total of 172,000 head. Placements for November totaled 20,000 head, up 3,000 head from October's total of 17,000. Marketings totaled 23,000 in November, up 6,000 head from the previous month. Other disappearance totaled 2,000 head, up 1,000 head from the 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 11.3 million head on December 1, 2008. The inventory was 6 percent below December 1, 2007 and 5 percent below December 1, 2006. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.02 million, 5 percent below 2007 but 7 percent above 2006. Net placements were 1.95 million head. During

INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE – DECEMBER, 2008

Report	Release Date
Cattle on Feed	December 19, 2008
December Crop Production	January 12, 2009
November Milk Production	December 18, 2008
Winter Wheat Seedings	January 12, 2009
Grain Stocks	January 12, 2009
Agricultural Prices	December 30, 2008

November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 565,000, 600-699 pounds were 630,000, 700-799 pounds were 450,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 370,000. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.58 million, 9 percent below 2007 and 12 percent below 2006. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of November since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 67,000 during November, 18 percent above 2007 and 19 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/}		
	12/1/07	11/1/08	12/1/08	DURING								
				11/07	10/08	11/08	11/07	10/08	11/08	11/07	10/08	11/08
AZ	367	362	359	37	31	26	27	28	28	3	1	1
CA	555	500	495	73	54	48	61	57	50	2	2	3
CO	1,070	960	1,010	190	245	185	145	150	130	5	5	5
ID	240	210	225	48	55	65	42	39	49	1	1	1
IA	570	485	500	96	104	92	75	93	75	1	1	2
KS	2,500	2,230	2,310	450	450	405	355	360	310	15	20	15
NE	2,520	2,310	2,380	485	590	440	355	375	355	10	15	15
NM	149	172	167	31	17	20	23	17	23	2	1	2
OK	345	320	335	62	75	69	50	68	52	2	2	2
SD	215	200	220	50	70	57	38	43	35	2	2	2
TX	3,010	2,710	2,810	510	630	510	490	495	395	10	15	15
WA	168	163	169	31	38	36	27	31	29	2	1	1
Oth Sts	390	350	365	62	79	62	50	58	44	2	1	3
US	12,099	10,972	11,345	2,125	2,438	2,015	1,738	1,814	1,575	57	67	67

^{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.

DECEMBER CROP PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Corn for grain yield is forecast at 180 bushels unchanged from 2007 with acreage decreasing 1000 acres, resulting in a 13% reduction in production. Sorghum for grain yield increased 3 bushels with an additional 5,000 acres harvested. This amounted to an increased production of 15%. All Wheat for grain harvested acreage decreased 160 thousand acres from 2007, resulting in a 50% decrease in production. All Hay acreage fell by 10,000 acres in 2008 with yield up 3%. This combined to produce an increase in production of 4,000 tons. Peanut acreage fell by 2,000 acres in 2008 with yield unchanged. Production decreased by 20%. Upland Cotton acreage fell by 5,000 acres and yield fell by 10%. Overall production was down 21%. American Pima Cotton acreage is down 43% and production is down 27%. Dry Edible Beans acreage, yield and production had negligible changes from 2007. Potato acreage was up 10% in 2008 yield up 5% resulting in a production increase of 15%.

Area Harvested, Yield, and Production for Selected States and United States, 2007 - 2008

State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
----- 1,000 Acres -----						
Principal Crops ^{1/}						
NM	946	783				
TX	19,195	17,430				
US	304,376	308,878				
Corn			-----Bushels-----		-----1,000 Bushels-----	
NM	54	55	180	180	9,720	9,900
TX	1,970	2,030	148	125	291,560	253,750
US	86,520	78,640	150.7	153.0	13,037,875	12,101,238
Sorghum			----- Bushels -----		----- 1,000 Bushels -----	
NM	75	80	40.0	43.0	3,000	3,440
US	6,792	7,271	73.2	65.0	497,445	472,342
Wheat (ALL)			-----Bushels-----		-----1,000 Bushels-----	
NM	300	140	28.0	30.0	8,400	4,200
US	50,999	55,685	40.2	44.9	2,051,088	2,499,524
Hay (ALL)			-----Tons-----		-----1,000 Tons-----	
NM	350	340	4.32	4.46	1,512	1,516
US	61,006	60,062	2.41	2.43	146,901	145,672
Forage			-----Tons-----		-----1,000 Tons-----	
NM	378	376	4.30	4.45	1,627	1,672
TX	5,495	4,550	2.78	2.13	15,284	9,677
Peanuts			-----Pounds-----		-----1,000 Pounds-----	
NM	10.0	8.0	3,200	3,200	32,000	25,600
US	1,195.0	1,507.0	3,073	3,416	3,672,250	5,147,900
Upland Cotton ^{2/}			-----Pounds-----		-----1,000 Bales-----	
AZ	168.0	133.0	1,469	1,444	514.0	400.0
NM	39.0	34.0	1,095	988	89.0	70.0
TX	4,700.0	3,400.0	843	649	8,250.0	4,600.0
US	10,201.0	7,559.0	864	799	18,355.1	12,589.0
Amer-Pima			-----Pounds-----		-----1,000 Bales-----	
AZ	2.5	0.8	883	960	4.6	1.6
NM	4.6	2.6	856	1,108	8.2	6.0
TX	24.0	15.0	920	768	46.0	24.0
US	288.1	169.4	1,419	1,265	851.8	446.6
Dry Edible Beans			-----Pounds-----		-----1,000 Cwt-----	
NM	8.3	9.3	2,180	2,300	181	214
US	1,479.2	1,445.2	1,730	1,768	25,586	25,558
Potatoes			-----Cwt-----		-----1,000 Cwt-----	
NM	5.4	5.9	370	390	1,998	2,301
US	1,122.2	1,044.7	396	395	444,875	412,580

^{1/} Includes all major crops grown in New Mexico. Harvested acres include all double cropped acreage. ^{2/} Production ginned and to be ginned. Yield reported in pounds per acre; production in bales (480 lb. net wt.).

NOVEMBER MILK PRODUCTION UP 1.4 PERCENT

NEW MEXICO: Milk production in New Mexico during November totaled 633 million pounds compared to 600 million pounds during the same time period in 2007. Milk per cow for the month averaged 1,900 pounds. Number of milk cows on farms was 333,000 head compared to 334,000 head in October 2008.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 23 major States during November totaled 14.0 billion pounds, up 1.4 percent from November 2007. October revised production

at 14.4 billion pounds, was up 1.6 percent from October 2007. The October revision represented an increase of 16 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,657 pounds for November, 3 pounds above November 2007. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 99,000 head more than November 2007, and 6,000 head more than October 2008.

Milk Cows and Production: October 2008 ^{1/} and November 2007 - 2008

State	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	11/07	10/08	11/08	11/07	10/08	11/08	11/07	10/08	11/08
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	185	185	187	1,830	1,845	1,850	339	341	346
CA	1,830	1,840	1,840	1,810	1,840	1,795	3,312	3,386	3,303
CO	120	130	130	1,900	1,890	1,845	228	246	240
FL	125	119	119	1,200	1,230	1,300	150	146	155
ID	525	554	554	1,810	1,870	1,800	950	1,036	997
IL	103	102	102	1,470	1,490	1,470	151	152	150
IN	166	166	167	1,650	1,625	1,580	274	270	264
IA	215	215	215	1,590	1,690	1,630	342	363	350
KS	108	115	118	1,640	1,765	1,720	177	203	203
KY	88	87	87	1,100	1,100	1,100	97	96	96
MI	343	352	352	1,825	1,810	1,755	626	637	618
MN	463	465	465	1,500	1,555	1,525	695	723	709
MO	109	110	110	1,190	1,180	1,175	130	130	129
NM	337	334	333	1,780	1,920	1,900	600	641	633
NY	626	625	624	1,575	1,620	1,580	986	1,013	986
OH	277	278	278	1,430	1,510	1,450	396	420	403
OR	115	114	114	1,490	1,630	1,570	171	186	179
PA	550	549	548	1,580	1,570	1,510	869	862	827
TX	351	388	390	1,760	1,790	1,765	618	695	688
VT	140	139	139	1,465	1,490	1,460	205	207	203
VA	100	97	97	1,400	1,435	1,410	140	139	137
WA	244	245	245	1,850	1,920	1,850	451	470	453
WI	1,249	1,253	1,254	1,550	1,625	1,565	1,936	2,036	1,963
23 STS	8,369	8,462	8,468	1,654	1,701	1,657	13,843	14,398	14,032

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

WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS

NEW MEXICO: Winter wheat seedings for the state is expected to total 410,000 acres in 2009. This is 95 percent of the area seeded in 2008.

UNITED STATES: Winter wheat seeded area for 2009 is expected to total 42.1 million acres, down 9 percent from 2008.

Winter Wheat: Area Seeded, by State and United States, 2007-2009

State	Crop Year			2009 As Pct. Of 2008
	2007	2008	2009	
	-----1,000 Acres-----			Percent
AZ	6	13	7	54
AR	820	1,070	420	39
CO	2,500	2,150	2,400	112
KS	10,400	9,600	9,000	94
MO	1,050	1,250	800	64
MT	2,240	2,600	2,500	96
NE	2,050	1,750	1,700	97
NM	490	430	410	95
OH	820	1,120	1,020	91
OK	5,900	5,600	5,400	96
SD	2,100	2,050	1,750	85
TX	6,200	5,800	5,900	102
UT	135	130	130	100
WA	1,720	1,750	1,740	99
WY	140	150	150	100
All Other States	8,441	10,818	8,771	81
U.S.	45,012	46,281	42,098	91

1/ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

GRAIN STOCKS

Corn stored in all positions on December 1, 2008 totaled 10.1 billion bushels, down 2 percent from December 1, 2007. Of the total stocks, 6.48 billion bushels are stored on farms, down 1 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 3.60 billion bushels, are down 4 percent from a year ago. The September-November 2008 indicated disappearance is 3.64 billion bushels, compared with 4.06 billion bushels during the same period last year.

All wheat stored in all positions on December 1, 2008 totaled 1.42 billion bushels, up 26 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 454 million bushels, up 57 percent from last December. Off-farm stocks, at 968 million bushels, are up 15 percent from a year ago. The September-November

2008 indicated disappearance is 436 million bushels, down 25 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Grain sorghum stored in all positions on December 1, 2008 totaled 312 million bushels, up 7 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 54.4 million bushels, are up 6 percent from December 1 last year. Off-farm stocks, at 257 million bushels, are up 7 percent from a year earlier. The September-November 2008 indicated disappearance from all positions is 213 million bushels, down 10 percent from the same period in 2007.

Date	2007			2008		
	On Farms	Off Farms ^{1/}	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms ^{1/}	Total All Positions
-----1,000 Bushels-----						
CORN						
Mar 1	3,330,000	2,738,250	6,068,250	3,780,000	3,078,722	6,858,722
June 1	1,826,600	1,706,843	3,533,443	1,970,900	2,057,117	4,028,017
Sep 1	460,100	843,547	1,303,647	499,950	1,124,200	1,624,150
Dec 1	6,530,000	3,748,085	10,278,085	6,482,000	3,602,467	10,084,467
SORGHUM						
Mar 1	17,100	125,122	142,222	26,100	159,808	185,908
June 1	5,380	69,490	74,870	7,000	94,019	101,019
Sep 1	2,150	29,903	32,053	3,550	49,200	52,750
Dec 1	51,400	239,850	291,250	54,400	257,351	311,751
ALL WHEAT						
Mar 1	192,450	664,278	856,728	91,990	617,280	709,270
June 1	73,190	382,963	456,153	25,635	280,183	305,818
Sep 1	495,000	1,221,927	1,716,927	635,700	1,222,423	1,858,123
Dec 1	289,540	842,398	1,131,938	454,000	968,224	1,422,224

^{1/} Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES RECEIVED

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa prices dropped \$3.00 from the November price of \$196.00 per ton to \$193.00 per ton. All hay prices also dropped from \$193.00 in November to \$190.00 in December. Cow prices remained steady at \$45.00 per hundredweight. Steer and heifer prices

decreased by \$6.00 to \$84.00 per hundredweight, with calf prices also declining to \$97.00 per hundredweight. Milk prices for the state were \$15.50 per hundredweight compared to the November price of \$16.40 per hundredweight.

Prices Received by Farmers: Selected Commodities, November 2008 and December 2007- 08

Commodity	Unit	New Mexico			U.S. ^{1/}
		December 2007 ^{1/}	November 2008 ^{2/}	December 2008 ^{1/}	December
-----Dollars-----					
CROPS					
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	-	-	-	5.26
Cotton, Upland	Lb.	-	-	-	.539
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	9.11
Hay, all baled	Ton	160.00	193.00	190.00	141.00
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	165.00	196.00	193.00	155.00
Peanuts	Lb.	-	-	-	.215
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	4.05
Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	5.91
LIVESTOCK					
Sheep ^{3/}	Cwt.	-	-	-	27.00
Lambs ^{3/}	Cwt.	-	-	-	99.60
Cows	Cwt.	44.00	45.00	45.00	39.80
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	101.00	90.00	84.00	85.70
Calves	Cwt.	115.00	104.00	97.00	101.00
Milk	Cwt.	21.50	16.40	15.50	15.90

^{1/} Mid-month ^{2/} Entire month ^{3/} November - entire month