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WINTER WHEAT

NEW MEXICO: The 2011 winter wheat production for New Mexico is estimated at 2.1 million bushels compared to 8.1 million bushels the previous year. Yields came in at 22.0 bushels per acre. Acres harvested for grain are estimated at 95,000, the first time under 100,000 acres since 1954.

UNITED STATES: All wheat production totaled 2.01 billion bushels in 2011, down 9 percent from 2010. Grain area totaled 45.7 million acres, down 4 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is 43.9 bushels per acre, down 2.4 bushels from the previous year's record high but still ranks as the fifth highest on record. The levels of production and changes from 2010 by type are winter wheat, 1.49 billion bushels, up 1 percent; other spring wheat, 462 million bushels, down 25 percent; Durum wheat, 51.9 million bushels, down 51 percent.

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Winter Wheat: Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production, 2010-2011

Crop	Area Planted 1/		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	-----1,000 Acres-----				-----Bushels-----		-----1,000 Bushels-----	
AZ	9	7	6	6	75.0	70.0	450	420
AR	200	620	150	520	54.0	58.0	8,100	30,160
CO	2,450	2,300	2,350	2,000	45.0	39.0	105,750	78,000
KS	8,400	8,800	8,000	7,900	45.0	35.0	360,000	276,500
MO	370	790	280	680	45.0	50.0	12,600	34,000
MT	2,050	2,250	1,950	2,190	48.0	41.0	93,600	89,790
NE	1,600	1,520	1,490	1,450	43.0	45.0	64,070	65,250
NM	470	435	290	95	28.0	22.0	8,120	2,090
OH	780	880	750	850	61.0	58.0	45,750	49,300
OK	5,300	5,100	3,900	3,200	31.0	22.0	120,900	70,400
SD	1,350	1,650	1,300	1,590	49.0	42.0	63,700	66,780
TX	5,700	5,300	3,750	1,900	34.0	26.0	127,500	49,400
UT	135	130	118	124	48.0	50.0	5,664	6,200
WA	1,750	1,760	1,710	1,730	69.0	75.0	117,990	129,750
WY	165	150	145	130	32.0	34.0	4,640	4,420
US	37,335	40,646	31,741	32,314	46.8	46.2	1,484,861	1,493,677

1/ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

OCTOBER CROP PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Sorghum for grain production is forecast at 1.95 million bushels, down 57 percent from last year's level. Peanut production is forecast at 21.0 million pounds, down 38 percent from 2010. Upland cotton production is forecast at 125.0 bales, up 10,000 bales from a year ago, while American pima cotton production is forecast up 500 bales from 2010.

UNITED STATES: Corn production is forecast at 12.4 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the September forecast and down slightly from the 2010 production estimate. If realized, this will be the fourth largest production total on record for the United States. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 148.1 bushels per acre, unchanged from the September forecast but down 4.7 bushels from 2010. If realized, this will be the lowest average yield since 2005. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 83.9 million acres, down 1 percent from the September forecast. Acreage updates were made in several States based on

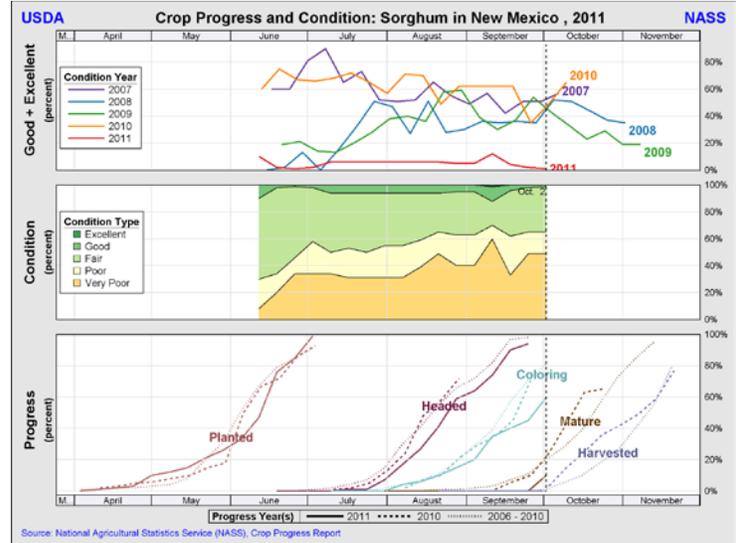
administrative data. **Soybean** production is forecast at 3.06 billion bushels, down 1 percent from September and down 8 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.5 bushels per acre, down 0.3 bushel from last month and down 2 bushels from last year. If realized, the average yield will be the second lowest since 2003. Area for harvest is forecast at 73.7 million acres, down slightly from September and down 4 percent from 2010. **All cotton** production is forecast at 16.6 million 480-pound bales, up slightly from last month but down 8 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 809 pounds per harvested acre, down 3 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 15.9 million 480-pound bales, down 10 percent from 2010. American Pima production, forecast at 737,200 bales, was carried forward from last month.

Area Harvested, Yield, and Production for Selected States and United States, 2010 and Forecasted October 1, 2011

State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production	
	2010	2011	2010	2011		2010	2011
				Sept 1	Oct 1		
	----- 1,000 Acres -----		----- Bushels -----			----- 1,000 Bushel -----	
Corn for Grain							
CO	1,210	1,350	151.0	127.0	127.0	182,710	171,450
NM ^{1/}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TX	2,080	1,700	145.0	112.0	112.0	301,600	190,400
US	81,446	83,936	152.8	148.1	148.1	12,446,865	12,432,910
Sorghum for Grain							
CO	160	160	47.0	38.0	39.0	7,520	6,240
NM	68	30	66.0	59.0	65.0	4,488	1,950
TX	1,700	1,250	70.0	52.0	52.0	119,000	65,000
US	4,808	4,432	71.8	55.6	55.0	345,395	243,800
Peanuts							
				----- Pounds -----		----- 1,000 Pound -----	
NM	10	7	3,400	3,000	3,000	34,000	21,000
TX	165	110	3,600	2,600	3,000	586,800	315,000
US	1,288	1,147	3,312	3,104	3,256	4,156,840	3,627,700
Upland Cotton							
				----- Pounds -----		----- 1,000 Bales ^{1/} -----	
AZ	193.0	248.0	1,517	1,510	1,510	610.0	780.0
NM	47.0	63.0	1,174	876	952	115.0	125.0
TX	5,350.0	3,200.0	703	630	600	7,840.0	4,000.0
US	10,497.0	9,562.0	805	794	797	17,600.0	15,871.0
Amer-Pima Cotton							
AZ	2.5	11.0	845	873	873	4.4	20.0
NM	2.7	3.0	836	832	832	4.7	5.2
TX	16.5	14.5	902	894	894	31.0	27.0
US	201.7	287.5	1,200	1,231	1,231	504.1	737.2
Alfalfa Hay							
				----- 1,000 Tons -----			
AZ	280	250	8.20	-	7.90	2,296	1,975
CO	820	820	3.50	-	3.40	2,870	2,788
NM	220	230	5.20	-	5.20	1,144	1,196
TX	120	140	5.00	-	3.20	600	448
US	19,956	19,329	3.40	-	3.35	67,903	64,714

CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING October 09, 2011

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly fair; fifth cutting 96% complete; sixth cutting 65% complete; seventh cutting 10% complete. Corn was mostly fair; 100% dent; 80% mature; 20% harvested for grain. Corn silage was 87% harvested. Cotton ranged from mostly poor to fair; 90% bolls opening; 5% harvested. Sorghum was mostly very poor; 100% headed; 75% turning color; 19% mature. Winter wheat was mostly poor to very poor; 87% planted; 60% emerged. Peanuts were mostly fair; 15% harvested. Lettuce was mostly good; 25% harvested. Chile 8% harvested red. Onions 39% planted. Pecan conditions were mostly good. Cattle conditions were mostly fair to poor. Sheep conditions were mostly poor to fair. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.9. Topsoil moisture was 49% very short, 50% short and 1% adequate. Wind damage was 15% light; 11% wind damage to cotton to date and 6% wind damage to sorghum to date. No hail damage to crops this week.



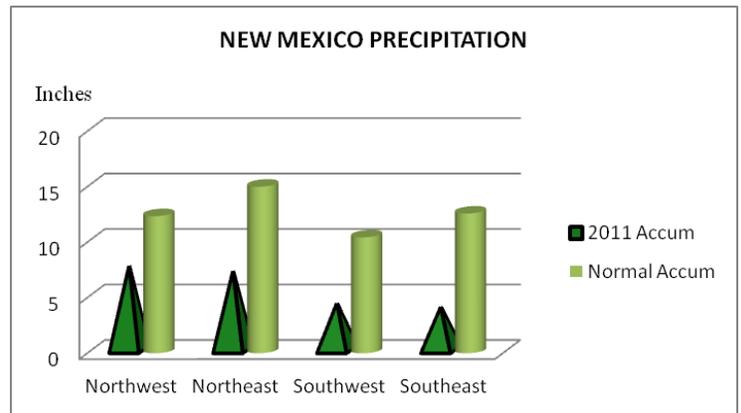
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS					
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	5 th Cutting	96	94	88	91
Alfalfa	6 th Cutting	65	50	51	45
Alfalfa	7 th Cutting	10	5	5	8
Chile	Harvested	8	-	10	28
Corn	Dent	100	99	99	97
Corn	Mature	80	73	73	80
Corn	Grain Hvst	20	-	25	23
Corn	Silage Hvst	87	80	90	54
Cotton	Opening	90	88	74	76
Cotton	Harvested	5	-	1	2
Lettuce	Harvested	25	5	-	23
Onion	Planted	39	-	-	30
Peanuts	Harvested	15	-	30	27
Sorghum	Headed	100	97	100	100
Sorghum	Turning Clr	75	60	96	85
W Wheat	Emerged	60	42	75	82
W Wheat	Planted	87	77	90	95

Additional Comments: **De Baca:** Some scattered showers received throughout the county this week. **Guadalupe:** Showers received in the county this week - about 1.0 inch precipitation total. **Quay:** Range and pasture conditions are poor and very dry. Some rainfall received this week from .45 to .68. Tobosa is first to respond with new green growth. Other perennial grasses show no sign of green or life. No allocated irrigation from conservancy for the season. Growers are in dire straits with no survival of alfalfa fields. Dryland wheat is being planted into dry ground and waiting on sufficient moisture for the rest of the crop. With recent rain the rest of the 2011-12 crop will be planted by Monday or Tuesday.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	6	6	53	35	-
Corn	3	10	68	12	7
Cotton	16	32	22	13	17
Peanut	-	20	65	15	-
Pecan	-	1	27	53	19
Sorghum	59	8	31	2	-
Winter Wheat	35	38	27	-	-
Cattle	27	34	33	6	-
Sheep	14	44	33	9	-

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	40	60	-	-
Northeast	42	57	1	-
Southwest	73	27	-	-
Southeast	48	51	1	-
State Current	49	50	1	-
State-Last Week	61	37	2	-
State-Last Year	11	43	46	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	14	37	48	1

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	40	60	-	-	-
Northeast	63	30	7	-	-
Southwest	56	38	6	-	-
Southeast	49	37	14	-	-
State Current	55	35	10	-	-
State-Last Week	53	28	15	2	2
State-Last Year	6	15	29	43	7
State-5-Yr Avg.	6	17	32	37	8



Weather Summary

The state saw much needed rain mid week, as well as some snow in the higher elevations. Rainfall totals from across the state: Farmington 0.94", Chama 1.71", Red River 1.74", Santa Fe 1.41", Albuquerque 1.44", Grants 0.84", Tucumcari 0.47", Socorro 0.13", Carrizozo 0.95", Roswell 0.37" and Deming 0.18". Average temperatures varied widely as the front swung across the state.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - October 3 - October 9, 2011								
Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 03 Oct - 09 Oct	Month 01 Oct - 09 Oct	Accum. 01 Jan - 09 Oct	Normal Oct	Normal Jan-Oct
Northwest								
Albuquerque	56.6	76	38	1.44	1.44	3.34	0.89	7.95
Chama	42.4	71	20	1.71	1.71	15.09	1.96	18.09
Farmington	50.9	77	32	0.94	0.94	5.47	0.85	7.18
Gallup	47.5	74	27	0.80	1.30	9.07	1.29	10.96
Grants	48.6	72	29	0.84	1.14	5.42	1.05	9.56
Johnson Ranch	46.3	74	26	0.00	0.00	1.90	1.11	10.16
Los Alamos	46.9	69	30	0.90	0.90	8.29	1.32	16.62
Red River	41.3	60	25	1.74	1.74	10.83	1.46	18.15
Santa Fe	51.6	70	33	1.41	1.41	8.67	1.04	12.58
Northeast								
Capulin	53.4	78	30	0.00	-	10.10	0.97	16.27
Clayton	61.1	84	39	0.02	0.02	7.16	0.90	14.28
Clovis	64.3	85	43	0.67	0.67	6.23	1.34	16.24
Las Vegas	51.7	75	33	0.71	0.71	7.77	1.51	17.78
Moriarty	51.4	75	34	1.46	1.46	6.64	1.10	11.77
Raton	56.4	80	37	0.13	0.13	7.48	0.97	15.61
Roy	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	5.47	1.05	14.79
Tucumcari	63.8	88	41	0.47	0.47	5.95	0.94	13.39
Southwest								
Animas	61.8	82	36	-	0.10	6.13	1.15	9.91
Deming	60.5	81	34	0.18	0.56	2.34	0.98	9.09
Gran Quivira	54.5	75	31	0.58	0.59	4.66	1.27	14.01
Quemado	47.1	75	27	0.39	0.39	6.53	1.18	12.59
Socorro	59.5	81	39	0.13	0.13	0.74	1.11	8.48
T or C	60.1	78	41	0.46	0.62	4.70	0.95	8.62
Southeast								
Alamogordo	65.3	85	35	0.04	0.04	3.62	1.30	11.21
Carlsbad	68.9	93	49	-	-	2.43	1.05	11.79
Carrizozo	57.6	77	33	0.95	0.95	2.90	1.19	11.31
Las Cruces	66.1	84	45	0.05	0.10	5.35	0.91	8.19
Roswell	64.9	87	47	0.37	0.37	3.34	1.19	11.83
Ruidoso	53.0	71	28	0.31	0.32	5.45	1.31	18.84
Tatum	65.8	87	47	0.01	0.01	3.85	1.49	15.02

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

GRAIN STOCKS

UNITED STATES: Old crop **corn stocks** in all positions on September 1, 2011 totaled 1.13 billion bushels, down 34 percent from September 1, 2010. Of the total stocks, 315 million bushels are stored on farms, down 35 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 813 million bushels, are down 33 percent from a year ago. The June - August 2011 indicated disappearance is 2.54 billion bushels, compared with 2.60 billion bushels during the same period last year.

All wheat stored in all positions on September 1, 2011 totaled 2.15 billion bushels, down 12 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 642 million bushels, down 21 percent from last September. Off-farm stocks, at 1.51 billion bushels,

are down 8 percent from a year ago. The June - August 2011 indicated disappearance is 720 million bushels, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Old crop **grain sorghum** stored in all positions on September 1, 2011 totaled 27.5 million bushels, down 33 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 2.03 million bushels, are down 55 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 25.4 million bushels, are down 31 percent from September 1, 2010. The June - August 2011 indicated disappearance from all positions is 52.6 million bushels, up 13 percent from the same period a year ago.

Date	2010			2011		
	On Farms	Off Farms ^{1/}	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms ^{1/}	Total All Positions
-----1,000 Bushels-----						
CORN						
Mar 1	4,548,000	3,145,787	7,693,787	3,384,000	3,139,228	6,523,228
June 1	2,131,400	2,178,671	4,310,071	1,681,500	1,988,338	3,669,838
Sep 1	485,100	1,222,687	1,707,787	314,950	813,295	1,128,245
Dec 1	6,302,000	3,754,769	10,056,769	-	-	-
SORGHUM						
Mar 1	23,680	151,873	175,553	13,020	158,027	171,047
June 1	10,700	77,162	87,862	3,140	76,894	80,034
Sep 1	4,500	36,740	41,240	2,030	25,420	27,450
Dec 1	30,500	207,168	237,668	-	-	-
ALL WHEAT						
Mar 1	348,250	1,008,107	1,356,357	288,010	1,137,292	1,425,302
June 1	209,900	765,737	975,637	130,915	731,331	862,246
Sep 1	812,100	1,637,517	2,449,617	641,500	1,508,573	2,150,073
Dec 1	550,000	1,382,946	1,932,946	-	-	-

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

AUGUST MILK PRODUCTION UP 2.2 PERCENT

NEW MEXICO: Milk production in New Mexico during August totaled 681 million pounds, up 5 percent from August 2010. Production per cow averaged 2,065 pounds for August, 25 pounds above August 2010. The number of milk cows on farms was 330,000 head, 2,000 head more than August 2010.

was up 0.5 percent from July 2010. The July revision represented a decrease of 45 million pounds or 0.3 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,810 pounds for August, 18 pounds above August 2010. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 102,000 head more than August 2010, and 3,000 head more than July 2011.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 15.3 billion pounds, up 2.2 percent from August 2010. July revised production at 15.4 billion pounds,

Milk Cows and Production: July 2010 ^{1/} and August 2010 - 2011

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}			Milk per Cow			Milk Production ^{2/}		
	7/11	8/10	8/11	7/11	8/10	8/11	7/11	8/10	8/11
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	186	180	187	1,885	1,765	1,810	351	318	388
CA	1,776	1,753	1,777	1,990	1,940	1,970	3,534	3,401	3,501
CO	128	120	129	2,010	2,025	2,000	257	243	258
FL	119	114	119	1,520	1,335	1,400	181	152	167
ID	582	571	582	2,050	2,000	2,040	1,193	1,142	1,187
IL	98	99	98	1,540	1,495	1,540	151	148	151
IN	170	169	171	1,695	1,645	1,680	288	278	287
IA	200	207	199	1,720	1,700	1,760	344	352	350
KS	124	120	124	1,765	1,725	1,750	219	207	217
MI	367	359	368	1,945	1,955	1,955	714	702	719
MN	471	470	471	1,535	1,595	1,520	723	750	716
MO	96	99	96	1,110	1,150	1,090	107	114	105
NM	330	318	330	2,105	2,040	2,065	695	649	681
NY	610	611	610	1,790	1,790	1,785	1,092	1,094	1,089
OH	266	270	266	1,580	1,610	1,590	420	435	423
OR	123	121	123	1,790	1,730	1,765	220	209	217
PA	540	541	539	1,630	1,670	1,640	880	903	884
TX	435	415	435	1,835	1,695	1,795	798	703	781
UT	88	85	88	1,840	1,830	1,820	162	156	160
VT	134	137	134	1,600	1,570	1,580	214	215	212
VA	96	95	96	1,440	1,475	1,450	138	140	139
WA	265	252	265	2,055	2,015	2,045	545	508	542
WI	1,264	1,263	1,264	1,720	1,725	1,745	2,174	2,179	2,206
23 STS	8,468	8,369	8,471	1,819	1,792	1,810	15,400	14,998	15,330

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

PECANS

NEW MEXICO: Pecan production is forecast at 56.0 million pounds, down 15 percent from last year. Last year’s large crop, severe drought and insufficient water amounts released for irrigation were contributing factors to the low production. Despite these adverse conditions, New Mexico ranks second in the nation in Pecan production.

UNITED STATES: Pecan production is forecast at 252 million pounds (utilized, in-shell basis), 14 percent below 2010. Improved varieties are expected to produce 216 million pounds or 86 percent of the total, while native and seedling varieties at 36.0 million pounds, make up the remaining 14 percent of production. In Georgia, despite the drought conditions experienced this summer, the crop is expected to be good.

Pecan Production by Variety – States and United States: 2009, 2010, and Forecasted October 1, 2011

Variety And State	Utilized production (in-shell basis)		
	2009	2010	2011
All	----- (1,000 Pounds) -----		
Arizona	20,000	22,000	21,000
Georgia	90,000	75,000	90,000
New Mexico	68,000	66,000	56,000
Texas	60,000	70,000	40,000
United States	291,830	293,740	251,700
Improved Varieties			
Arizona	20,000	22,000	21,000
Georgia	79,000	70,000	85,000
New Mexico	68,000	66,000	56,000
Texas	45,000	50,000	30,000
United States	240,720	232,560	215,650

AGRICULTURAL PRICES RECEIVED

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa hay prices for September averaged \$269.00 per ton, while All Hay prices averaged \$264.00 per ton. Both Alfalfa and All Hay prices increased from the previous month. September monthly milk price decreased by \$0.50 to \$21.00 per hundredweight from the August price of \$21.50.

Prices Received by Farmers: Selected Commodities, August 2011 and September 2010-11

Commodity	Unit	New Mexico			U.S. ^{1/}
		September 2010 ^{2/}	August 2011 ^{2/}	September 2011 ^{1/}	September 2011
-----Dollars-----					
CROPS					
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	-	-	-	11.70
Cotton, Upland	Lb.	-	-	-	.954
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	9.32
Hay, all baled	Ton	164.00	253.00	264.00	176.00
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	167.00	259.00	269.00	196.00
Peanuts	Lb.	0.214	-	-	.0232
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	6.69
Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	7.53
LIVESTOCK					
Sheep ^{3/}	Cwt.	-	-	-	66.80
Lambs ^{3/}	Cwt.	-	-	-	189.00
Cows	Cwt.	-	-	-	69.70
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	-	-	-	116.00
Calves	Cwt.	-	-	-	133.00
Milk	Cwt.	17.00	21.50	21.00	20.90

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