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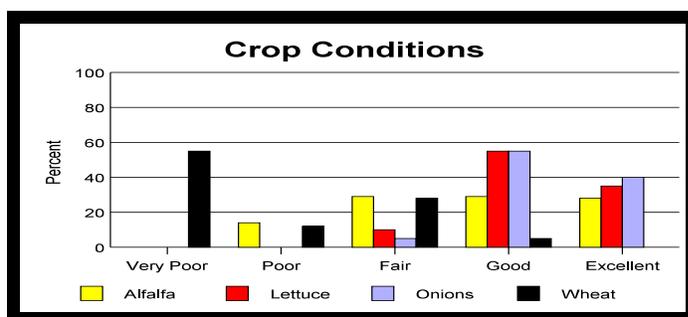
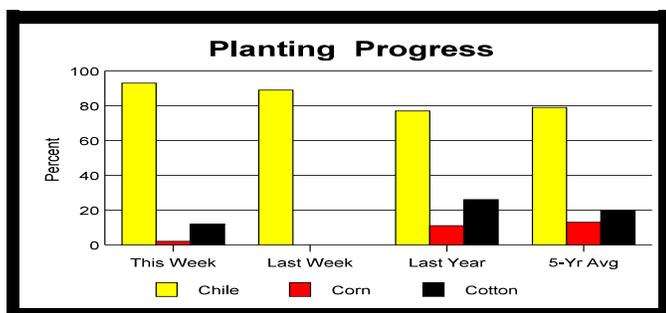
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 16, 2006

NEW MEXICO: There were 6.9 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 74% very short, 20% short, and 6% adequate. Wind damage was 32% light and 7% moderate. More grass fires were reported with Guadalupe county losing approximately 6,000 acres. Farmers spent the week irrigating, fertilizing, and cultivating. Alfalfa was reported as 14% poor, 29% fair, 29% good, and 28% excellent. The 1st alfalfa cutting was 13% complete. Total winter wheat conditions were 55% very poor, 12% poor, 28% fair, and 5% good. Wheat pastures used for grazing increased to 17%. Cotton was 12% planted and corn was 2% planted. Lettuce, onions, and chile were all in fair to excellent condition. Most of our chile has been planted, with 93% complete. Ranchers continue to feed livestock and fight loco weed. Cattle were reported as 2% very poor, 28% poor, 38% fair, 31% good, and 1% excellent. Sheep were 15% very poor, 25% poor, 47% fair, and 13% good. Range conditions were listed as 30% very poor, 33% poor, 25% fair, and 12% good.

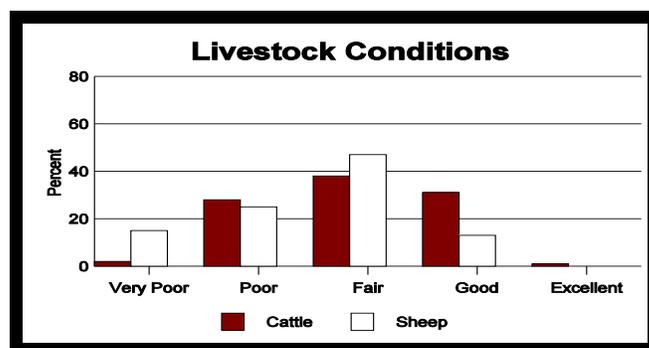
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Planted	93	89	77	79
CORN	Planted	2	N/A	11	13
COTTON	Planted	12	N/A	26	20
WHEAT (ALL)	Grazed	17	3	N/A	N/A



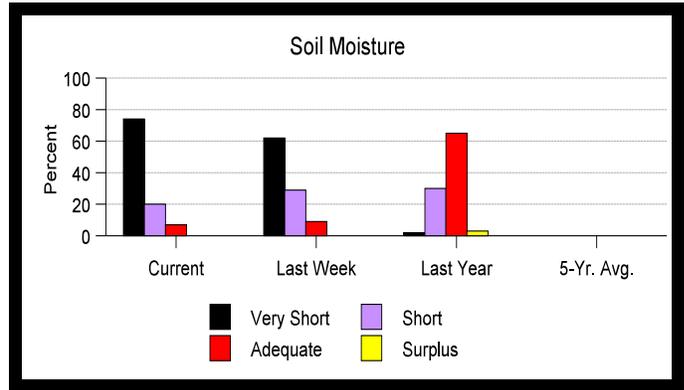
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	14	29	29	28
Chile	---	---	33	47	20
Lettuce	---	---	10	55	35
Onions	---	---	5	55	40
Wheat (All)	55	12	28	5	---
Cattle	2	28	38	31	1
Sheep	15	25	47	13	---
Range/Pasture	30	33	25	12	---



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	72	27	1	---
Northeast	88	10	2	---
Southwest	65	20	15	---
Southeast	54	33	13	---
State Current	74	20	6	---
State-Last Week	62	29	9	---
State-Last Year	2	30	65	3
State-5-Yr Avg.	---	---	---	---



WEATHER SUMMARY

It was a warm week in New Mexico as storm systems mainly passed to the north of the state, producing only windy conditions and spotty showers. Temperatures for the week averaged about 9 degrees above normal. A few afternoon readings hit 90 degrees in the east and south, and Carlsbad topped out at 95 on the 14th. Red River was once again the "precipitation winner," with .49 inches for the week. All other totals reported were less than one quarter inch.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - APRIL 10 - 16, 2006

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	04/10 04/16	04/01 04/16	Normal Apr	01/01 04/16	Normal Jan-Apr
Farmington	57.6	80	38	0.00	0.58	0.51	1.69	2.48
Gallup	52.4	77	26	0.00	0.24	0.64	1.52	3.23
Capulin	55.2	80	26	0.00	0.05	1.01	0.76	2.86
Chama	48.1	72	26	0.15	0.72	1.27	3.07	6.61
Johnson Ranch	51.8	78	26	0.02	0.11	0.49	0.24	2.47
Las Vegas	57.9	80	36	0.00	0.01	0.83	0.13	2.54
Los Alamos	55.1	76	37	0.01	0.23	1.00	1.10	3.88
Raton	56.8	83	29	0.00	0.00	1.06	0.40	2.90
Red River	46.0	67	26	0.49	1.43	1.68	6.05	5.75
Santa Fe	55.6	80	32	0.00	0.03	0.81	0.47	2.87
Clayton	64.6	88	38	0.00	0.00	0.94	0.45	2.04
Clovis	68.6	89	44	0.00	0.00	0.81	1.48	2.30
Roy	61.8	84	35	0.00	0.00	0.82	0.11	2.14
Tucumcari	69.9	92	44	0.00	0.00	0.87	0.25	2.00
Grants	53.1	80	24	0.00	0.01	0.45	0.79	1.95
Quemado	53.6	80	23	0.00	0.03	0.60	1.14	2.95
Albuquerque	63.4	82	44	0.00	0.00	0.52	0.18	1.96
Carrizozo	62.2	85	32	0.12	0.12	0.36	0.57	2.10
Socorro	64.1	88	35	0.00	0.00	0.36	0.03	1.41
Gran Quivera	59.6	80	37	0.10	0.10	0.64	0.27	2.88
Moriarty	55.9	82	27	0.01	0.16	0.66	0.33	2.10
Ruidoso	54.3	78	31	0.00	0.17	0.63	1.28	4.24
Carlsbad	72.7	95	48	0.00	0.00	0.49	1.86	1.49
Roswell	67.9	90	40	0.00	0.00	0.65	0.05	1.99
Tatum	67.2	91	43	0.00	0.00	0.64	1.41	2.05
Alamogordo	70.2	90	52	0.07	0.07	0.26	0.47	1.93
Animas	67.9	90	45	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.38	1.86
Deming	66.3	92	40	0.00	0.00	0.18	0.58	1.54
Las Cruces	67.2	91	45	0.04	0.04	0.21	0.22	1.26
T or C	66.9	86	47	0.03	0.03	0.22	0.11	1.40

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

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