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Crop Weather Milk Production Cattle on Feed

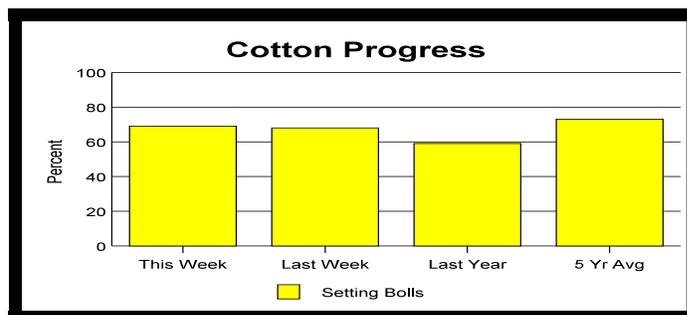
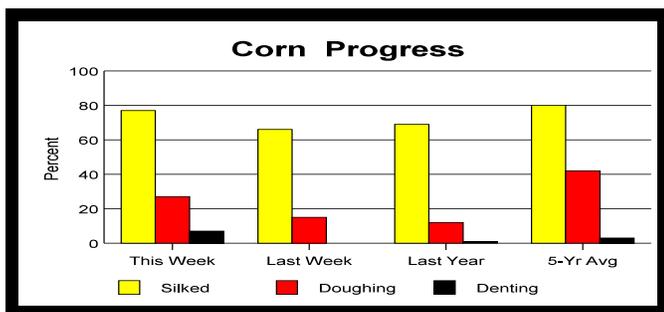
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 30, 2006

NEW MEXICO: There were 6.1 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 21% very short, 46% short, 27% adequate and 6% surplus. Wind damage was 25% light, and 8% moderate. Hail damage was reported as 3% light and 1% moderate. Farmers spent the week irrigating, harvesting, and baling hay as well as cultivating, and some spraying for insects. Alfalfa was reported as 1% very poor, 3% poor, 20% fair, 58% good and 18% excellent with 88% of the third cutting complete and 37% of the fourth cutting complete. Irrigated sorghum was reported as fair to excellent with 29% headed and 7% coloring. Dry sorghum was reported as very poor to poor condition. Total sorghum condition was reported as 21% very poor, 45% poor, 3% fair, 28% good, and 3% excellent. Peanuts were reported as 4% very poor, 5% poor, 77% fair and 14% good with 80% pegged. Pecan conditions were good to excellent. Cotton was reported as 3% very poor, 9% poor, 24% fair, 54% good and 10% excellent with 99% squaring and 69% setting bolls. Chile condition was reported as 1% very poor, 7% poor, 10% fair and 82% good. Green chile was reported as 20% harvested. Onions were reported as 90% harvested. Corn condition was reported as 1% poor, 11% fair, 63% good, and 25% excellent, with 77% silked and 27% was in the dough stage and 7% in the dent stage. Cattle conditions were reported at 2% very poor, 18% poor, 60% fair, 13% good and 7% excellent. Sheep were 10% very poor, 31% poor, 41% fair, 17% good, and 1% excellent. Ranges and pastures received more moisture this week, with conditions reported as 21% very poor, 36% poor, 28% fair, 14% good and 1% excellent. Temperatures were milder this week and much of the state received some rain. Ranchers are still supplemental feeding and hauling some water. Livestock producers continue to sell off their livestock. More rain is still needed.

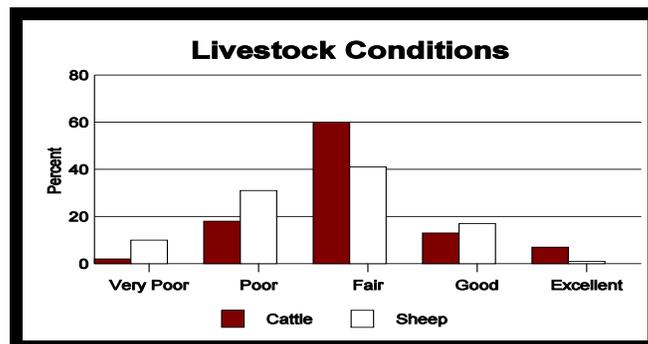
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Harvested	20	---	---	7
CORN	Silked	77	66	69	80
CORN	Doughing	27	15	12	42
CORN	Denting	7	N/A	1	3
COTTON	Setting Bolls	69	68	59	73
ONIONS	Harvested	90	89	94	96
PEANUTS	Pegging	80	73	97	82
SORGHUM	Headed	10	4	19	18
SORGHUM	Coloring	2	1	N/A	N/A



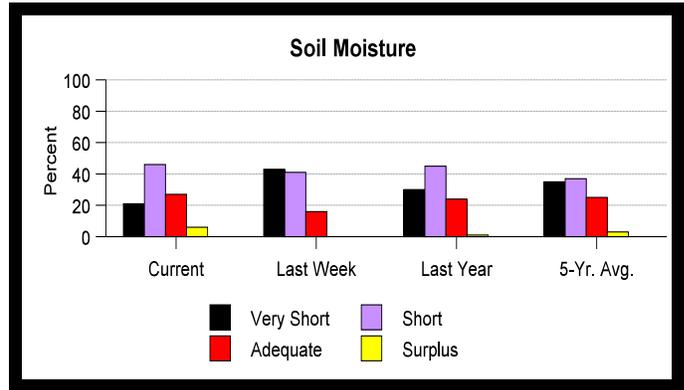
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	3	20	58	18
Apples	---	---	100	---	---
Chile	1	7	10	82	---
Corn	---	1	11	63	25
Cotton	3	9	24	54	10
Pecans	---	---	---	61	39
Peanuts	4	5	77	14	---
Sorghum (All)	21	45	3	28	3
Cattle	2	18	60	13	7
Sheep	10	31	41	17	1
Range/Pasture	21	36	28	14	1



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	27	34	32	7
Northeast	25	48	24	3
Southwest	10	58	32	---
Southeast	15	58	15	12
State Current	21	46	27	6
State-Last Week	43	41	16	---
State-Last Year	30	45	24	1
State-5-Yr Avg.	35	37	25	3



WEATHER SUMMARY

A low pressure system dropped southward into New Mexico from Colorado around mid-week, and circulated abundant moisture throughout most of the state to help fuel showers and thunderstorms. Every location measured rainfall, and Socorro and Ruidoso both measured over 2 inches. Some of the heavier storms produced flash flooding in localized areas. After a hot start to the week, the moisture brought some cooling, and temperatures for the week averaged close to normal.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - JULY 24 - 30, 2006

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	07/24 07/30	07/01 07/30	Normal Jul	01/01 07/30	Normal Jan-Jul
Farmington	78.1	97	63	0.41	1.40	0.94	3.42	4.31
Gallup	74.6	91	60	0.98	3.08	1.91	5.01	6.10
Capulin	67.6	89	50	0.73	2.40	3.25	6.95	10.52
Chama	65.3	87	49	0.36	2.36	2.24	6.78	11.08
Johnson Ranch	72.0	93	49	0.26	1.51	1.66	2.91	5.43
Las Vegas	70.1	92	53	0.60	1.66	3.20	4.85	9.60
Los Alamos	71.1	88	56	0.13	2.01	3.25	5.33	9.66
Raton	70.4	92	53	0.83	2.33	2.66	4.75	9.82
Red River	59.8	80	41	1.06	3.40	3.01	11.79	11.93
Santa Fe	70.7	93	54	0.34	3.20	2.38	4.69	7.64
Clayton	76.7	97	61	0.55	3.62	2.70	6.61	9.00
Clovis	80.9	99	66	0.96	2.12	2.56	6.43	9.57
Roy	74.6	95	59	0.58	2.24	2.97	4.16	9.03
Tucumcari	81.2	103	64	0.60	3.32	3.30	6.76	8.57
Grants	73.6	99	56	0.49	2.11	1.76	3.18	4.79
Quemado	71.3	93	55	1.66	3.93	2.37	5.48	6.56
Albuquerque	76.6	96	63	0.65	2.48	1.37	3.93	4.42
Carrizozo	0.0	0	0	0.00	1.44	2.05	4.51	5.55
Socorro	76.7	98	62	2.23	3.88	1.44	4.61	3.94
Gran Quivera	71.2	92	55	1.02	3.05	2.81	5.42	7.52
Moriarty	70.4	93	52	0.92	5.00	2.38	6.85	6.37
Ruidoso	66.4	85	48	2.64	4.61	4.02	7.26	10.99
Carlsbad	83.1	102	68	0.09	0.19	1.79	3.66	5.74
Roswell	79.6	99	63	1.05	2.05	1.99	4.10	6.74
Tatum	78.7	97	62	0.39	3.15	2.52	6.62	8.69
Alamogordo	80.3	99	63	0.69	1.55	2.23	2.78	5.51
Animas	76.3	97	64	1.65	2.82	2.26	3.55	4.74
Deming	78.9	101	64	0.90	2.22	2.15	3.35	4.43
Las Cruces	80.4	101	67	0.31	1.28	1.36	2.09	3.63
T or C	78.3	99	63	0.41	1.35	1.86	1.85	4.44

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

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

MILK PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Milk production in New Mexico during June totaled 675 million pounds up 13% from June 2005. Milk per cow for the month averaged 1,875 pounds, compared to 1,840 in June 2005. Number of milk cows on farms increased by 4,000 head from the previous month's total of 356,000 to 360,000 head and was 35,000 head above the June 2005 total of 325,000.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 23 major States during June totaled 14 billion pounds, up 1.9 percent from June 2005. May revised production, at 14.7 billion pounds, was up 2.7 percent from May 2005. The May revision represented a decrease of 14 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,695 pounds for June, 5 pounds above June 2005. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.27 million head, 128,000 head more than June 2005, and 9,000 head more than May 2006.

Milk Cows and Production: May 2006 ^{1/} and June 2005-2006

State	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	6/05	5/06	6/06	6/05	5/06	6/06	6/05	5/06	6/06
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	162	173	172	1,950	2,145	1,965	316	371	338
CA	1,753	1,785	1,783	1,815	1,895	1,795	3,182	3,383	3,200
CO	105	109	111	1,905	2,000	1,965	200	218	218
FL	137	133	132	1,440	1,520	1,380	197	202	182
ID	451	484	486	1,900	1,940	1,900	857	939	923
IL	104	103	103	1,600	1,690	1,590	166	174	164
IN	156	166	166	1,715	1,750	1,670	268	291	277
IA	193	200	200	1,725	1,790	1,685	333	358	337
KS	112	113	113	1,730	1,870	1,750	194	211	198
KY	107	98	98	1,105	1,220	1,120	118	120	110
MI	313	319	320	1,835	1,910	1,840	574	609	589
MN	455	450	450	1,540	1,625	1,550	701	731	698
MO	118	116	116	1,380	1,470	1,320	163	171	153
NM	325	356	360	1,840	1,980	1,875	598	705	675
NY	647	648	649	1,590	1,660	1,575	1,029	1,076	1,022
OH	270	273	274	1,500	1,600	1,530	405	437	419
OR	121	121	121	1,610	1,600	1,550	195	194	188
PA	563	556	555	1,595	1,700	1,620	898	945	899
TX	320	330	333	1,720	1,970	1,820	550	650	606
VT	143	142	141	1,565	1,630	1,545	224	231	218
VA	105	103	103	1,420	1,560	1,450	149	161	149
WA	243	237	237	1,950	2,025	1,960	474	480	465
WI	1,235	1,242	1,243	1,590	1,645	1,595	1,964	2,043	1,983
23 STS	8,138	8,257	8,266	1,690	1,780	1,695	13,755	14,700	14,011

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

CATTLE ON FEED

NEW MEXICO: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in New Mexico for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head on July 1, 2006, totaled 140,000 head compared to 135,000 head the previous month. Placements in feedlots during June totaled 33,000, up from 25,000 head in May. Marketings of fed cattle increased by 6,000 head from 21,000 reported in May to 27,000 in June. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 for the 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 10.9 million head on July 1, 2006. Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.95 million, 10 percent above 2005 and 18 percent above 2004. Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 2.20 million, 6 percent above 2005 and up 6 percent from 2004. Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during June, unchanged from 2005 but 10 percent below 2004.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots ^{1/}

	Number on Feed			Placed			Marketed			Other Disappearance ^{2/}		
	7/1/05	6/1/06	7/1/06	-----DURING-----								
				6/05	5/06	6/06	6/05	5/06	6/06	6/05	5/06	6/06
AZ	324	341	344	29	29	34	35	27	30	1	6	1
CA	520	535	530	73	80	73	63	70	74	5	5	4
CO	900	1,030	980	130	175	175	190	185	215	10	20	10
ID	260	230	230	70	37	58	54	47	55	1	5	3
IA	415	470	460	49	51	59	68	74	66	1	2	3
KS	2,200	2,400	2,280	400	415	445	465	520	550	15	25	15
NE	1,820	2,120	1,990	290	340	370	510	520	490	10	20	10
NM	132	135	140	26	25	33	18	21	27	3	1	1
OK	320	345	340	54	76	63	58	70	67	1	1	1
SD	161	195	180	26	33	29	48	34	41	3	4	3
TX	2,950	2,960	2,980	550	590	530	480	520	500	10	20	10
WA	142	141	148	41	20	39	35	30	31	1	1	1
Oth Sts	250	285	270	31	42	43	59	52	57	2	5	1
US	10,394	11,187	10,872	1,769	1,913	1,951	2,083	2,170	2,203	63	115	63

^{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.