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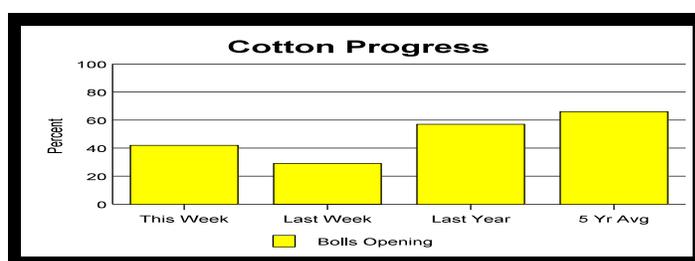
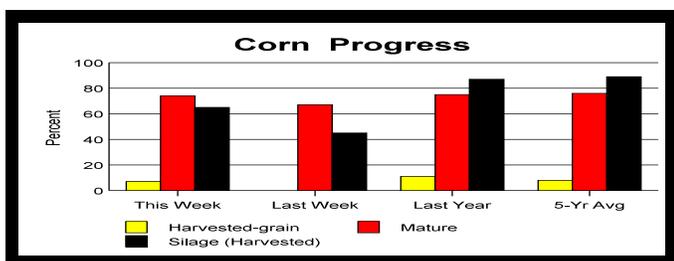
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 24, 2006

NEW MEXICO: There were 6.7 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 3% very short, 18% short, 78% adequate and 1% surplus. Wind damage was 13% light and 15% moderate. Hail damage was reported as 1% light and 1% moderate. Farmers spent the week baling hay and harvesting. Fields were drying up and crop progress has been aided by the milder temperatures. Alfalfa was reported as 2% very poor, 3% poor, 35% fair, 29% good and 31% excellent, with 83% of the fifth cutting complete and 38% of the sixth cutting complete. Irrigated sorghum was reported as fair to excellent with 78% coloring and 26% mature. Dry sorghum condition was reported as very poor to excellent with 47% coloring and 2% mature. Total sorghum condition was reported as 14% very poor, 17% poor, 29% fair, 34% good, and 6% excellent with 58% coloring and 10% mature. Irrigated winter wheat condition was reported as fair to excellent with 88% planted and 63% emerged. Dry winter wheat condition was reported as poor to excellent with 94% planted and 77% emerged. Total winter wheat condition was reported as 12% poor, 27% fair, 52% good and 9% excellent with 92% planted and 72% emerged. Peanuts were reported as 2% very poor, 2% poor, 71% fair and 25% good with 2% harvested. Lettuce condition was reported as fair to excellent. Apple conditions were reported as poor to good with 68% harvested. Pecan conditions were reported as very poor to excellent. Cotton was reported as 2% very poor, 3% poor, 38% fair, 44% good and 13% excellent with 42% bolls opening and 1% harvested. Chile condition was reported as 1% very poor, 26% poor, 20% fair and 53% good. Green chile was reported as 86% harvested. Red chile was reported as 27% harvested. Corn condition was reported as 3% poor, 11% fair, 61% good, and 25% excellent, with 74% mature, 7% harvested for grain and 65% harvested for silage. Cattle conditions were reported at 1% very poor, 2% poor, 16% fair, 66% good and 15% excellent. Sheep conditions were reported as 6% very poor, 9% poor, 16% fair, 64% good and 5% excellent. Range and pasture conditions were reported as 6% very poor, 10% poor, 18% fair, 48% good and 18% excellent. Ranchers were preparing for the winter by contracting feed and preparing calves for sale; weight gains were very good.

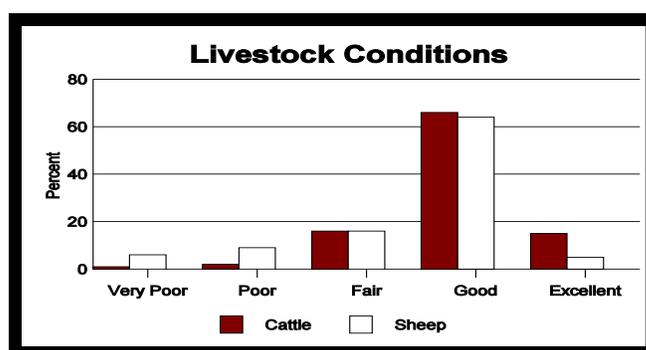
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
APPLES	Harvested	68	50	70	49
CHILE	Harvested-green	86	82	84	87
CHILE	Harvested-red	27	N/A	1	11
CORN	Harvested-grain	7	N/A	11	8
CORN	Mature	74	67	75	76
CORN SILAGE	Harvested	65	45	87	89
COTTON	Bolls Opening	42	29	57	66
SORGHUM	Coloring	58	49	51	67
SORGHUM	Mature	10	9	11	10



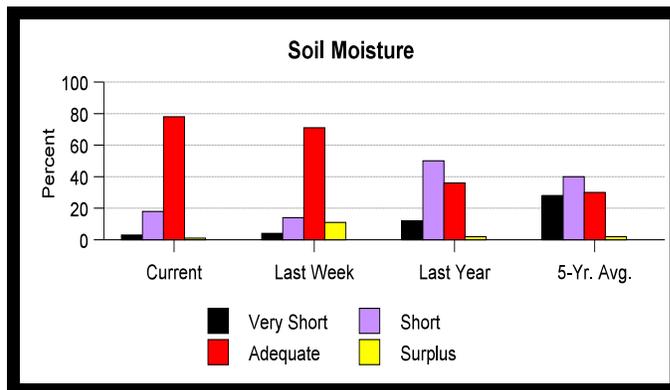
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	2	3	35	29	31
Apples	---	2	95	3	---
Chile	1	26	20	53	---
Corn	---	3	11	61	25
Cotton	2	3	38	44	13
Lettuce	---	---	15	35	50
Pecans	4	12	10	28	46
Peanuts	2	2	71	25	---
Sorghum (All)	14	17	29	34	6
Cattle	1	2	16	66	15
Sheep	6	9	16	64	5
Range/Pasture	6	10	18	48	18



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	14	33	52	1
Northeast	---	12	87	1
Southwest	---	21	78	1
Southeast	1	10	88	1
State Current	3	18	78	1
State-Last Week	4	14	71	11
State-Last Year	12	50	36	2
State-5-Yr Avg.	28	40	30	2



WEATHER SUMMARY

Unseasonably cool weather settled over New Mexico during the week while several weak storm systems produced some scattered precipitation, including snow in the higher elevations of the north. Temperatures for the week averaged 9 degrees below normal for the state, but were generally 10 to 15 degrees below normal over the northwest. Red River and Chama both picked up over an inch of moisture.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - SEPTEMBER 18 - 24, 2006

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	09/18 09/24	09/01 09/24	Normal Sept	01/01 09/24	Normal Jan-Sept
Farmington	51.4	74	31	0.29	1.60	0.97	6.33	6.33
Gallup	50.0	76	28	0.45	1.75	1.31	9.67	9.67
Capulin	47.8	71	27	0.52	2.41	2.22	14.10	15.30
Chama	45.5	68	24	1.09	2.61	2.23	16.12	16.13
Johnson Ranch	45.3	74	25	0.46	0.64	1.33	9.73	9.05
Las Vegas	51.4	74	31	0.07	0.93	2.40	14.53	16.27
Los Alamos	49.9	70	32	0.15	1.19	2.12	9.98	15.30
Raton	50.8	77	29	0.24	1.52	1.61	12.20	14.64
Red River	41.3	66	23	1.24	2.57	1.66	18.35	16.69
Santa Fe	50.4	75	31	0.84	2.95	1.51	12.58	11.54
Clayton	56.8	81	38	0.03	0.83	1.77	13.22	13.38
Clovis	63.1	85	42	0.02	1.27	2.16	12.19	14.90
Roy	53.7	77	31	0.00	1.53	1.90	13.79	13.74
Tucumcari	62.1	86	39	0.12	1.65	1.47	14.03	12.45
Grants	50.1	78	27	0.28	0.85	1.56	9.39	8.51
Quemado	50.5	75	24	0.07	1.57	1.73	10.66	11.41
Albuquerque	58.1	77	41	0.31	1.10	1.00	9.84	7.06
Carrizozo	---	---	---	0.00	1.46	1.88	9.80	10.12
Socorro	58.6	83	34	0.03	1.89	1.53	10.68	7.37
Gran Quivera	57.1	76	36	0.23	2.74	1.95	15.75	12.74
Moriarty	51.2	78	25	0.22	0.87	1.61	12.02	10.67
Ruidoso	54.0	72	29	0.80	6.15	2.50	27.10	17.53
Carlsbad	68.9	91	50	0.10	5.12	2.75	11.99	10.74
Roswell	63.7	86	44	0.07	3.45	1.87	13.56	10.64
Tatum	62.0	85	44	0.05	7.67	2.36	17.88	13.53
Alamogordo	66.5	81	53	0.00	4.03	1.99	13.11	9.91
Animas	67.4	84	49	0.00	2.30	1.68	10.37	8.76
Deming	65.3	84	46	0.50	4.34	1.63	10.80	8.11
Las Cruces	66.2	84	49	0.08	4.37	1.36	11.45	7.28
T or C	63.9	81	48	0.00	1.28	1.08	8.88	7.67

(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 the State totaled 644 million pounds in August. This was 5.4 percent below July, 2006, but 6.6 percent above a year earlier. There was an average of 362,000 milk cows on farms during the month, compared to 331,000 at the same time last year. Production per cow averaged 1,780 pounds during August.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 13.9 billion pounds, up 1.6 percent from August 2005. July revised production, at 13.9 billion pounds, was up 1.5 percent from July 2005. The July revision represented an increase of 6 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,680 pounds for August, 9 pounds above August 2005. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.25 million head, 88,000 head more than August 2005, but 9,000 head less than July 2006.

Milk Cows and Production: July 2006 ^{1/} and August 2005-2006

State	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	8/05	7/06	8/06	8/05	7/06	8/06	8/05	7/06	8/06
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	161	170	167	1,770	1,805	1,715	285	307	286
CA	1,759	1,772	1,768	1,795	1,760	1,860	3,157	3,119	3,288
CO	105	112	112	1,970	1,980	1,990	207	222	223
FL	135	131	130	1,230	1,340	1,255	166	176	163
ID	468	490	495	1,940	1,960	1,960	908	960	970
IL	104	103	103	1,515	1,600	1,550	158	165	160
IN	157	166	165	1,660	1,670	1,625	261	277	268
IA	196	200	200	1,740	1,690	1,645	341	338	329
KS	112	113	113	1,690	1,720	1,730	189	194	195
KY	106	97	97	1,030	1,060	1,020	109	103	99
MI	314	321	319	1,830	1,875	1,830	575	602	584
MN	450	450	450	1,510	1,560	1,525	680	702	686
MO	115	115	115	1,300	1,270	1,185	150	146	136
NM	331	362	362	1,825	1,880	1,780	604	681	644
NY	647	647	643	1,600	1,605	1,605	1,035	1,038	1,032
OH	270	274	274	1,460	1,500	1,480	394	411	406
OR	121	121	121	1,630	1,580	1,570	197	191	190
PA	562	555	554	1,575	1,600	1,580	885	888	875
TX	320	335	337	1,625	1,760	1,655	520	590	558
VT	143	141	141	1,550	1,540	1,510	222	217	213
VA	105	103	103	1,360	1,390	1,360	143	143	140
WA	245	237	237	1,970	1,960	1,955	483	465	463
WI	1,236	1,244	1,244	1,595	1,600	1,570	1,971	1,990	1,953
23 STS	8,162	8,259	8,250	1,671	1,686	1,680	13,640	13,925	13,861

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 the slaughter market in New Mexico feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 142,000 head on September 1, 2006. This compares to 144,000 head on August 1, 2006. Placements increased from 23,000 head in July 2006 to 26,000 in August 2006. Marketings also increased from 18,000 to 26,000 head. Other disappearance increased from 1,000 to 2,000 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 11.0 million head on September 1, 2006. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.30 million, 15 percent above 2005 and 9 percent above 2004. Net placements were 2.24 million. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.08 million, 2 percent above 2005 and 8 percent above 2004. Other disappearance totaled 59,000 during August, 11 percent above 2005 and 5 percent above 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/}		
	9/1/05	8/1/06	9/1/06	-----DURING-----								
				8/05	7/06	8/06	8/05	7/06	8/06	8/05	7/06	8/06
AZ	314	339	336	35	31	30	34	34	31	1	2	2
CA	530	515	520	62	55	66	57	67	59	5	3	2
CO	770	940	960	155	150	210	200	180	185	5	10	5
ID	250	225	235	51	36	55	50	40	44	1	1	1
IA	395	445	455	69	60	80	72	73	69	2	2	1
KS	2,210	2,360	2,390	520	590	590	490	495	540	10	15	20
NE	1,770	1,950	2,050	415	380	470	365	410	360	10	10	10
NM	135	144	142	28	23	26	24	18	26	3	1	2
OK	320	345	345	70	58	77	68	52	76	2	1	1
SD	132	165	155	24	24	30	34	38	37	1	1	3
TX	2,800	2,970	2,960	480	480	570	560	480	570	10	10	10
WA	139	154	158	30	33	35	27	26	30	1	1	1
Oth Sts	235	270	280	54	43	61	52	42	50	2	1	1
US	10,000	10,822	10,986	1,993	1,963	2,300	2,033	1,955	2,077	53	58	59

^{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.