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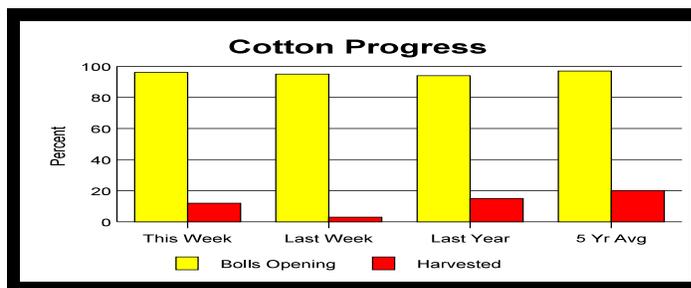
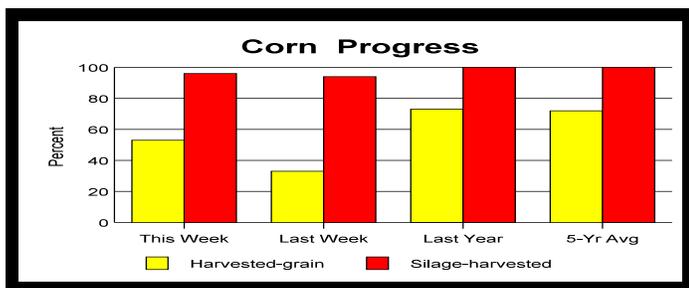
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 22, 2006

NEW MEXICO: There were 6.3 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 6% very short, 19% short, 67% adequate and 8% surplus. Wind damage was 10% light and 1% moderate. Freeze damage was reported as 22% light, 5% moderate and 4% severe. Hail damage was reported as 2% light, 1% moderate and 4% severe. Farmers spent the week harvesting various crops, disking and plowing fields. Alfalfa was reported as 1% very poor, 5% poor, 34% fair, 32% good and 28% excellent, with 99% of the fifth cutting complete, 75% of the sixth cutting complete and 15% of the seventh cutting complete. Irrigated sorghum was reported as 68% mature and 2% harvested for grain. Dry sorghum condition was reported as 24% mature. Total sorghum condition was reported as 39% mature and 1% harvested. Irrigated winter wheat condition was reported as mostly fair to good with 100% planted and 96% emerged. Dry winter wheat condition was reported as mostly fair to good with 100% planted and 100% emerged. Total winter wheat condition was reported as 1% very poor, 1% poor, 32% fair, 63% good and 3% excellent with 100% planted and 99% emerged. Peanuts were reported as 2% very poor, 2% poor, 66% fair and 30% good with 61% harvested. Lettuce condition was reported as fair to excellent. Onion conditions were reported as 37% fair, 31% good and 32% excellent with 86% planted. Pecan conditions were reported as fair to excellent. Cotton was reported as 2% very poor, 6% poor, 41% fair, 37% good and 14% excellent with 96% bolls opening and 12% harvested. Chile condition was reported as 8% very poor, 34% poor, 34% fair and 24% good. Green chile was reported as 100% harvested. Red chile was reported as 47% harvested. Corn condition was reported as 1% poor, 23% fair, 51% good and 25% excellent, with 53% harvested for grain and 96% harvested for silage. Cattle conditions were reported as 2% poor, 13% fair, 72% good and 13% excellent. Sheep conditions were reported as 5% very poor, 11% poor, 13% fair, 65% good and 6% excellent. Range and pasture conditions were reported as 5% very poor, 12% poor, 23% fair, 49% good and 11% excellent. Ranchers are weaning calves and culling cow herds.

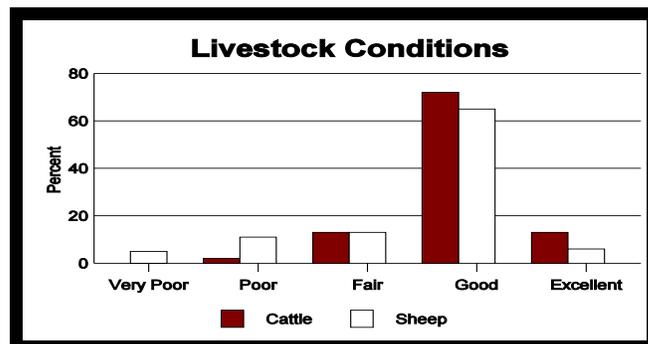
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Harvested-green	100	99	99	100
CHILE	Harvested-red	47	41	32	40
CORN	Harvested-grain	53	33	73	72
CORN SILAGE	Harvested	96	94	100	100
COTTON	Bolls Opening	96	95	94	97
COTTON	Harvested	12	3	15	20
SORGHUM	Harvested	1	N/A	11	16
SORGHUM	Mature	39	22	39	57



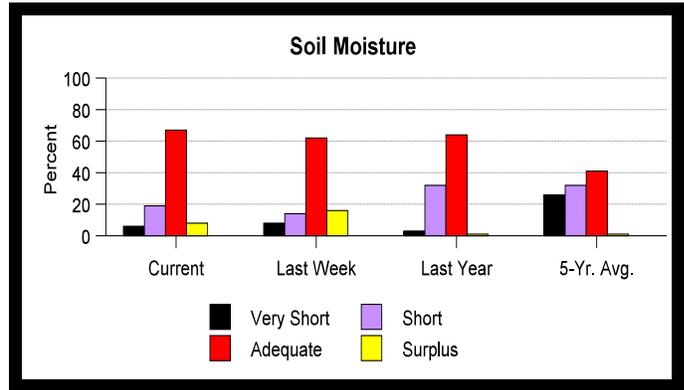
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	5	34	32	28
Chile	8	34	34	24	---
Corn	---	1	23	51	25
Cotton	2	6	41	37	14
Lettuce	---	---	20	38	42
Pecans	---	---	20	64	16
Peanuts	2	2	66	30	---
Cattle	---	2	13	72	13
Sheep	5	11	13	65	6
Range/Pasture	5	12	23	49	11



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	11	35	37	17
Northeast	9	13	78	---
Southwest	---	14	69	17
Southeast	---	8	90	2
State Current	6	19	67	8
State-Last Week	8	14	62	16
State-Last Year	3	32	64	1
State-5-Yr Avg.	26	32	41	1



WEATHER SUMMARY

It was a relatively cool week in New Mexico, with temperatures averaging about 6 degrees below normal. Portions of the state experienced the first freeze of the season. About two-thirds of the reporting locations measured precipitation with a storm system that passed through New Mexico during the first half of the week. Highest totals included .67 inches at Ruidoso and .66 inches at Roswell.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - OCTOBER 16 - 22, 2006

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	10/16 10/22	10/01 10/22	Normal Oct	01/01 10/22	Normal Jan-Oct
Farmington	45.1	63	25	0.02	1.74	0.85	8.07	7.18
Gallup	43.1	63	22	0.49	2.84	1.29	12.51	10.96
Capulin	40.0	51	29	0.00	0.00	0.97	14.10	16.27
Chama	38.6	63	18	0.34	3.14	1.96	19.26	18.09
Johnson Ranch	41.8	61	18	0.00	1.67	1.11	11.40	10.16
Las Vegas	45.3	69	27	0.00	1.63	1.51	16.16	17.78
Los Alamos	43.6	60	25	0.00	2.73	1.32	12.71	16.62
Raton	44.4	69	25	0.02	0.78	0.97	12.98	15.61
Red River	35.8	53	18	0.22	1.90	1.46	20.25	18.15
Santa Fe	45.3	65	21	0.00	1.56	1.04	14.14	12.58
Clayton	48.6	74	31	0.00	0.57	0.90	13.79	14.28
Clovis	54.1	76	39	0.26	1.57	1.34	13.76	16.24
Roy	46.6	69	28	0.00	0.58	1.05	14.37	14.79
Tucumcari	54.2	79	33	0.03	1.26	0.94	15.29	13.39
Grants	45.1	71	24	0.05	2.12	1.05	11.51	9.56
Quemado	43.4	64	17	0.03	1.65	1.18	12.35	12.59
Albuquerque	52.1	70	35	0.00	1.70	0.89	11.54	7.95
Carrizozo	0.0	0	0	0.00	2.78	1.19	12.58	11.31
Socorro	52.0	73	31	0.03	2.92	1.11	13.60	8.48
Gran Quivera	48.7	71	28	0.15	1.68	1.27	17.43	14.01
Moriarty	46.0	67	21	0.00	1.71	1.10	13.73	11.77
Ruidoso	46.7	63	27	0.67	3.69	1.31	30.79	18.84
Carlsbad	60.1	82	37	0.16	0.60	1.05	12.59	11.79
Roswell	54.3	78	35	0.66	1.82	1.19	15.38	11.83
Tatum	53.9	76	36	0.40	1.96	1.49	19.84	15.02
Alamogordo	56.1	71	41	0.45	2.69	1.30	15.80	11.21
Animas	56.7	77	35	0.15	1.84	1.15	12.21	9.91
Deming	55.6	77	32	0.05	1.36	0.98	12.16	9.09
Las Cruces	56.9	77	39	0.42	1.81	0.91	13.26	8.19
T or C	54.7	74	38	0.09	2.07	0.95	10.95	8.62

(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 September totaled 594 million pounds, down 7.8 percent from the previous month's total of 644 million pounds. Milk per cow for the month averaged 1,650 pounds, a decrease of 130 pounds from the August average of 1,780 pounds. Number of milk cows on farms dropped by 2,000 head from 362,000 in August to 360,000 in September 2006.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 23 major States during September totaled 13.3 billion pounds, up 2 percent from September 2005. August production, unrevised at 13.9 billion pounds, is up 1.6 percent from August 2005. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,615 pounds for September, 16 pounds above September 2005. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.25 million head, 79,000 head more than September 2005, but 6,000 head less than August 2006.

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

State	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	9/05	8/06	9/06	9/05	8/06	9/06	9/05	8/06	9/06
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	161	167	165	1,725	1,715	1,710	278	286	282
CA	1,762	1,769	1,772	1,750	1,860	1,775	3,084	3,290	3,145
CO	106	112	112	1,875	1,990	1,910	199	223	214
FL	134	130	130	1,105	1,180	1,125	148	153	146
ID	469	497	497	1,850	1,960	1,860	868	974	924
IL	104	103	103	1,450	1,550	1,485	151	160	153
IN	156	165	165	1,615	1,625	1,595	252	268	263
IA	197	200	200	1,665	1,645	1,590	328	329	318
KS	112	113	113	1,610	1,740	1,670	180	197	189
KY	105	96	96	980	990	970	103	95	93
MI	313	319	319	1,750	1,830	1,795	548	584	573
MN	450	450	450	1,435	1,525	1,470	646	686	662
MO	115	115	115	1,210	1,185	1,180	139	136	136
NM	333	362	360	1,710	1,780	1,650	569	644	594
NY	649	643	640	1,515	1,605	1,530	983	1,032	979
OH	270	274	274	1,420	1,480	1,450	383	406	397
OR	121	120	118	1,570	1,580	1,570	190	190	185
PA	561	554	553	1,500	1,580	1,560	842	875	863
TX	320	337	338	1,515	1,655	1,585	485	558	536
VT	142	141	141	1,480	1,510	1,460	210	213	206
VA	105	103	103	1,325	1,340	1,300	139	138	134
WA	245	238	237	1,895	1,980	1,880	464	471	446
WI	1,237	1,244	1,245	1,510	1,570	1,510	1,868	1,953	1,880
23 STS	8,167	8,252	8,246	1,599	1,680	1,615	13,057	13,861	13,318

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 143,000 on October 1. This compares to 142,000 head on September 1, 2006. Placements decreased by 5,000 head from August 2006 to a total of 21,000 head in September. Marketings were down by 10,000 head to 16,000. Other disappearance increased by 2,000 to a total of 4,000.

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 11.4 million head on October 1, 2006. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.23 million, 5 percent below 2005 and 6 percent below 2004. Net placements were 2.16 million head. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.77 million, 3 percent below 2005 and 2 percent below 2004. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of September since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 68,000 during September, 19 percent above 2005 and 11 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/}		
	10/1/05	9/1/06	10/1/06	-----DURING-----								
				9/05	8/06	9/06	9/05	8/06	9/06	9/05	8/06	9/06
AZ	318	336	336	29	30	28	24	31	26	1	2	2
CA	535	520	525	68	66	72	57	59	64	6	2	3
CO	900	960	1,060	280	*280	245	145	*180	140	5	5	5
ID	270	235	265	69	55	72	48	44	41	1	1	1
IA	410	455	460	90	80	81	74	69	73	1	1	3
KS	2,250	2,390	2,450	510	590	500	455	540	420	15	20	20
NE	1,940	2,050	2,220	500	470	500	320	360	320	10	10	10
NM	136	142	143	26	26	21	22	26	16	3	2	4
OK	335	345	355	69	77	71	53	76	59	1	1	2
SD	130	155	170	40	30	50	40	37	34	2	3	1
TX	2,830	2,960	2,930	550	570	495	510	570	510	10	10	15
WA	153	158	171	40	35	37	25	30	23	1	1	1
Oth Sts	275	280	300	84	61	60	43	50	39	1	1	1
US	10,482	10,986	11,385	2,355	*2,295	2,232	1,816	*2,072	1,765	57	59	68

^{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.