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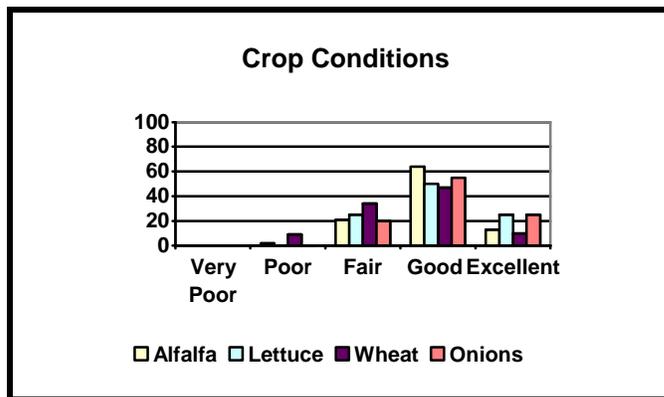
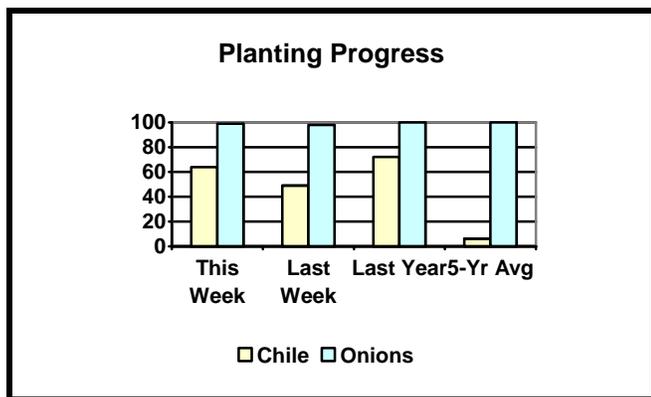
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## CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 1, 2007

**NEW MEXICO:** There were 5.9 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 8% very short, 37% short, 53% adequate and 2% surplus. Wind damage was 24% light, 4% moderate. Freeze damage was reported as 7% severe. Farmers spent the week preparing their fields for planting and were irrigating. Alfalfa was reported as 2% poor, 21% fair, 64% good and 13% excellent. Irrigated winter wheat was reported as 11% fair, 66% good and 23% excellent with 25% grazed. Dry winter wheat was reported as 15% poor, 50% fair and 35% good with 25% grazed. Total winter wheat was reported as 9% poor, 34% fair, 47% good and 10% excellent with 25% grazed. Lettuce was reported as 25% fair, 50% good and 25% excellent. Chile was reported as 64% planted. Onion conditions were reported as 20% fair, 55% good and 25% excellent with 99% planted. Cattle conditions were reported as 1% very poor, 4% poor, 25% fair, 55% good and 15% excellent. Sheep conditions were reported as 6% very poor, 13% poor, 25% fair, 54% good and 2% excellent. Range and pasture conditions were reported as 5% very poor, 11% poor, 50% fair and 34% good. Ranchers were calving, branding and working cattle.

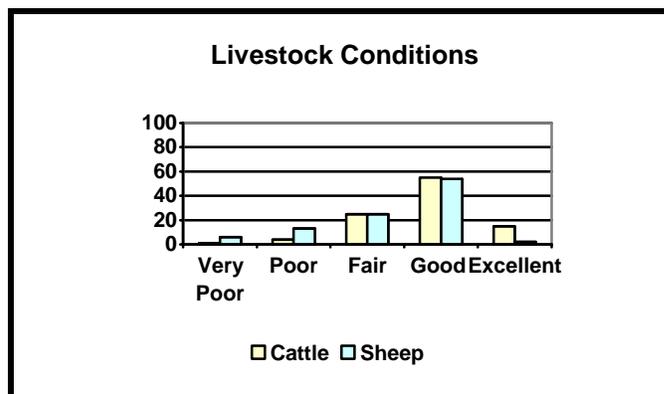
### CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
<b>CHILE</b>	Planted	64	49	72	61
<b>ONIONS</b>	Planted	99	98	100	100
<b>WHEAT</b>	Grazed	25	41	5	N/A



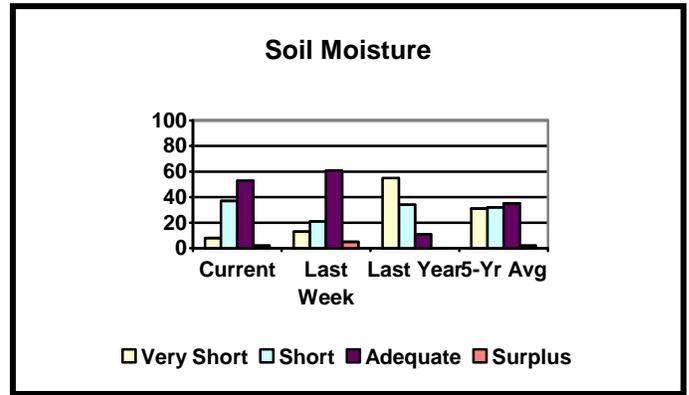
### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	2	21	64	13
Lettuce	---	---	25	50	25
Onions	---	---	20	55	25
Wheat (All)	---	9	34	47	10
Cattle	1	4	25	55	15
Sheep	6	13	25	54	2
Range/Pasture	5	11	50	34	---



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	35	20	43	2
Northeast	2	57	40	1
Southwest	5	35	50	10
Southeast	1	20	78	1
State Current	8	37	53	2
State-Last Week	13	21	61	5
State-Last Year	55	34	11	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	31	32	35	2



WEATHER SUMMARY

THE FIRST HALF OF THE WEEK WAS DRY BUT A SYSTEM ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY BROUGHT MOISTURE TO MUCH OF THE STATE WITH SOME SNOW TO THE HIGHER ELEVATIONS. THE ONLY DRY AREA WAS THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE STATE. SUNDAY THERE WAS A WARMING TREND AND DRIER.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - MARCH 26 – APRIL 1, 2007

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	03/26 04/01	04/01 04/01	Normal Mar.	01/01 04/01	Normal Jan-Apr
Farmington	45.1	72	25	0.11	0.00	2.70	0.51	2.48
Gallup	42.9	69	22	0.00	0.00	1.66	0.64	3.23
Capulin	40.1	67	12	0.00	0.00	2.45	1.01	2.86
Chama	37.9	65	10	0.08	0.00	4.90	1.27	6.61
Johnson Ranch	39.5	66	19	0.00	0.00	1.72	0.49	2.47
Las Vegas	42.5	68	17	0.01	0.00	2.22	0.83	2.54
Los Alamos	43.1	65	25	0.06	0.00	2.84	1.00	3.88
Raton	43.6	69	19	0.00	0.00	0.95	1.06	2.90
Red River	35.1	58	11	0.22	0.00	4.97	1.68	5.75
Santa Fe	40.3	69	17	0.12	0.00	1.96	0.81	2.87
Clayton	49.9	73	29	0.23	0.00	1.34	0.94	2.04
Clovis	53.0	78	33	0.21	0.00	4.61	0.81	2.30
Roy	43.8	69	22	0.00	0.00	1.26	0.82	2.14
Tucumcari	52.6	77	31	0.29	0.00	2.09	0.87	2.00
Grants	43.4	75	20	0.06	0.00	1.33	0.45	1.95
Quemado	39.4	67	18	0.02	0.00	1.43	0.60	2.95
Albuquerque	50.6	74	30	0.00	0.00	1.53	0.52	1.96
Carrizozo	44.6	72	20	0.00	0.00	2.04	0.36	2.10
Socorro	51.1	77	25	0.03	0.00	1.35	0.36	1.41
Gran Quivira	46.2	70	24	0.47	0.00	2.24	0.64	2.88
Moriarty	43.0	70	23	0.05	0.00	2.80	0.66	2.10
Ruidoso	43.0	64	19	0.52	0.00	5.66	0.63	4.24
Carlsbad	58.8	85	34	0.00	0.00	4.71	0.49	1.49
Roswell	54.4	80	30	0.31	0.00	2.75	0.65	1.99
Tatum	51.3	79	31	0.12	0.00	4.02	0.64	2.05
Alamogordo	56.3	76	33	0.00	0.00	2.21	0.26	1.93
Animas	54.1	79	30	0.00	0.00	1.97	0.20	1.86
Deming	54.3	82	27	0.00	0.00	1.38	0.18	1.54
Las Cruces	55.8	80	32	0.00	0.00	1.74	0.21	1.26
T or C	53.9	77	34	0.00	0.00	1.26	0.22	1.40

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

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

## AGRICULTURAL PRICES RECEIVED

Alfalfa hay prices for March remained steady with the previous month's price of \$172.00 per ton. All hay prices also remained at \$170.00 per ton. Cow prices increased by \$1.50 to \$48.00 per hundredweight, \$1.10 higher than the national average of \$46.90. Steer and heifer prices increased by \$6.00 from the February price of \$94.00 to \$100.00 per hundredweight compared to the national average of \$97.20. Calf prices also increased from the February price of \$118.00 per hundredweight to \$121.00. Milk prices for March were \$14.90 per hundredweight, a \$0.70 increase from February.

### Prices Received by Farmers: Selected Commodities, February 2007 and March 2006-07

Commodity	Unit	New Mexico			U.S. <sup>1/</sup>
		Mar 2006 <sup>2/</sup>	Feb 2007 <sup>2/</sup>	Mar 2007 <sup>1/</sup>	Mar 2007
-----Dollars-----					
<b>CROPS</b>					
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	-	-	-	6.74
Cotton, Upland	Lb.	-	-	-	.472
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	8.52
Hay, all baled	Ton	121.00	170.00	170.00	117.00
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	124.00	172.00	172.00	120.00
Peanuts	Lb.	-	-	-	.175
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	3.36
Wheat, All	Bu.	-	-	-	4.75
<b>LIVESTOCK</b>					
Sheep <sup>3/</sup>	Cwt.	-	-	-	36.50
Lambs <sup>3/</sup>	Cwt.	-	-	-	95.40
Cows	Cwt.	49.50	46.50	48.00	46.90
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	102.00	94.00	100.00	97.20
Calves	Cwt.	129.00	118.00	121.00	123.00
Milk	Cwt.	12.40	14.20	14.90	15.50

<sup>1/</sup> Mid-month    <sup>2/</sup> Entire month    <sup>3/</sup> February - entire month

## PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

**NEW MEXICO:** Corn growers intend to plant 140,000 acres of corn for all purposes in 2007, up 7.7 percent from 2006. Sorghum growers intend to plant 110,000 acres. Winter wheat planted acreage is expected to be 50,000 acres more than last year at 490,000 acres. Peanut intended plantings are the same as last year at 12,000 acres. Upland cotton growers intend to plant 40,000 acres, being the lowest acreage planted on record. Pima cotton growers plan to plant 9,000 acres this year, down 4,000 acres from 2006. All hay to be harvested this year is up 15,000 acres to 325,000 acres.

**UNITED STATES:** Corn growers intend to plant 90.5 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2007, up 15 percent from 2006 and 11 percent higher than 2005. If realized this would be the highest acreage since 1944, when 95.5 million acres were planted for all purposes. All wheat planted area is estimated at 60.3 million acres, up 5 percent from 2006. The 2007 winter wheat planted area, at 44.5 million acres, is 10 percent above last year and up 1 percent from the previous estimate. All cotton plantings for 2007 are expected to total 12.1 million acres, 20 percent below last year. Upland acreage is expected to total 11.9 million, down 21 percent from last year and the lowest since 1989. American-Pima cotton growers intend to decrease their plantings by 10 percent from 2006, to 292,000 acres. Peanut producers intend to plant 1.20 million acres of peanuts in 2007, down 4 percent from last year. The 2007 sorghum area intended to be planted for all purposes is 7.11 million acres, up 9 percent from 2006. Hay producers expect to harvest 63.1 million acres of all hay in 2007, up 4 percent from 2006.

**Crop Summary, Acres Planted, New Mexico and U.S., 2006-2007**

	New Mexico				United States			
	2005	2006	2007 <sup>1/</sup>	2007/2006	2006	2006	2007 <sup>1/</sup>	2007/2006
	-----1,000 Acres-----				-----1,000 Acres-----			
	--Percent--				--Percent--			
Corn	140	130	140	108	81,779	78,327	90,454	115
Sorghum	120	110	110	100	6,454	6,522	7,109	109
Oats	---	---	---	---	4,246	4,168	4,029	97
Barley	---	---	---	---	3,875	3,452	3,703	107
All Wheat	450	440	490	111	57,229	57,344	60,303	105
Winter	450	440	490	111	40,433	40,575	44,505	110
Other Spring	---	---	---	---	14,036	14,899	13,808	93
Soybeans	---	---	---	---	72,032	75,522	67,140	89
Peanuts	19.0	12.0	12.0	100	1,657.0	1,243.0	1,197.0	96
All Cotton	67.5	63.0	49.0	78	14,245.4	15,274.0	12,147.0	80
Upland	56.0	50.0	40.0	80	13,975.0	14,948.0	11,855.0	79
A-P	11.5	13.0	9.0	69	270.4	326.0	292.0	90
All Hay <sup>2/</sup>	330	310	325	105	61,729	60,807	63,056	104

<sup>1/</sup> Intended plantings in 2007 as indicated by reports from farmers: <sup>2/</sup> Intended area harvested in 2007 as indicated by reports from farmers.