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Crop Weather Milk Production Cattle on Feed

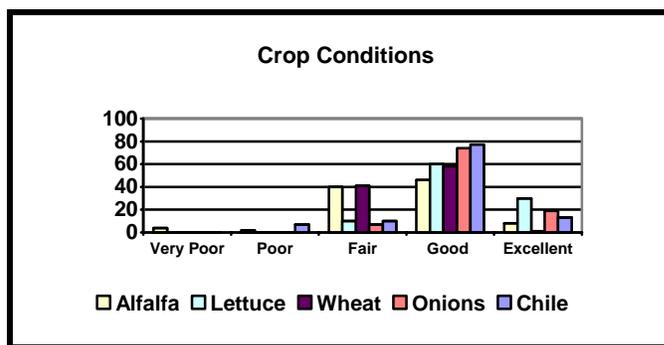
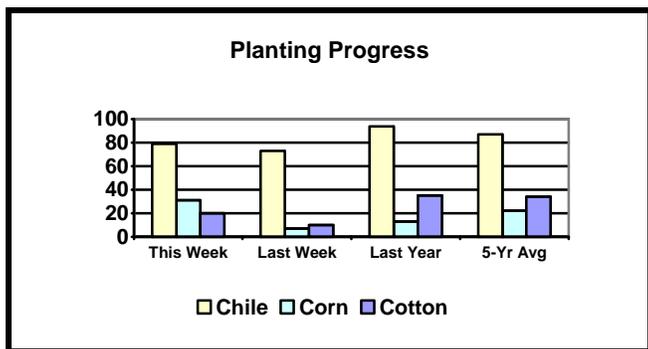
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 22, 2007

NEW MEXICO: There were 6.2 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 6% very short, 28% short, 64% adequate and 2% surplus. Wind damage was 21% light and 6% moderate. Freeze damage was reported as 12% light and 7% moderate. Farmers spent the week irrigating and planting. Alfalfa was reported as 4% very poor, 1% poor, 35% fair, 51% good and 9% excellent with 26% of the first cutting complete. Cotton was reported as 20% planted. Corn was reported as 31% planted and 6% emerged. Irrigated winter wheat was reported as 50% fair, 48% good and 2% excellent with 8% grazed and 19% headed. Dry winter wheat was reported as, 35% fair and 65% good with 18% grazed and 3% headed. Total winter wheat was reported as 41% fair, 58% good and 1% excellent with 14% grazed and 9% headed. Lettuce was reported as 10% fair, 60% good and 30% excellent. Chile was reported as 10% fair, 77% good and 13% excellent with 79% planted. Onion conditions were reported as 7% fair, 74% good and 19% excellent with 100% planted. Cattle conditions were reported at 3% poor, 15% fair, 66% good and 16% excellent. Sheep conditions were reported as 6% very poor, 11% poor, 14% fair and 69% good. Range and pasture conditions were reported as 4% very poor, 9% poor, 27% fair, 58% good, and 2% excellent. Ranchers are calving, branding, working cattle and supplemental feeding.

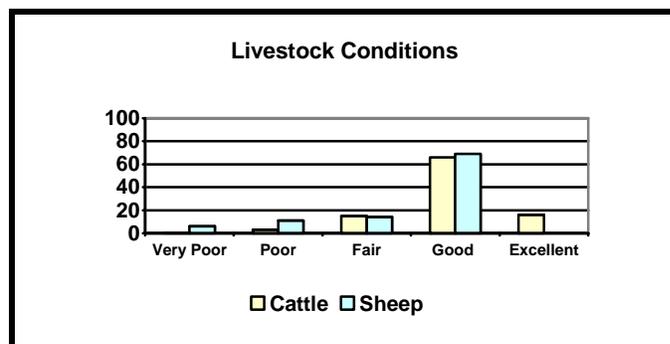
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Planted	79	73	94	87
CORN	Planted	31	7	13	22
CORN	Emerged	6	N/A	N/A	1
COTTON	Planted	20	10	35	34
WHEAT	Grazed	14	16	16	N/A
WHEAT (ALL)	Headed	9	7	N/A	10



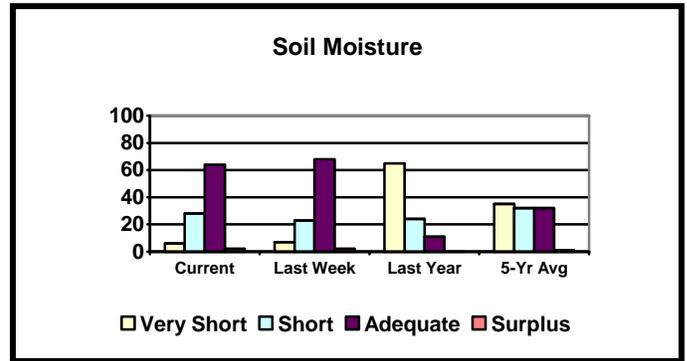
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	4	1	35	51	9
Chile	---	---	10	77	13
Lettuce	---	---	10	60	30
Onions	---	---	7	74	19
Wheat (All)	---	---	41	58	1
Cattle	---	3	15	66	16
Sheep	6	11	14	69	---
Range/Pasture	4	9	27	58	2



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	17	30	52	1
Northeast	---	30	68	2
Southwest	---	25	68	7
Southeast	1	24	75	---
State Current	6	28	64	2
State-Last Week	7	23	68	2
State-Last Year	65	24	11	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	35	32	32	1



WEATHER SUMMARY

A cool week temperature wise for most areas of the state especially in the north and east where average readings were 4 to 8 degrees below seasonal normals. A slow moving, late season winter storm produced heavy wet snow across the high terrain of the north and over the northeast plains, while elsewhere over the state rain totals at the lower elevations were notably above seasonal expectations.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - APRIL 16 - 22, 2007

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	04/16 04/22	04/01 04/22	Normal Apr	01/01 04/22	Normal Jan-Apr
Farmington	50.4	74	26	0.00	0.33	3.03	0.51	2.48
Gallup	45.4	68	26	0.00	0.62	2.28	0.64	3.23
Capulin	48.3	70	25	0.07	0.85	3.30	1.01	2.86
Chama	44.4	63	20	0.06	1.43	6.33	1.27	6.61
Johnson Ranch	44.2	70	22	0.00	0.12	1.84	0.49	2.47
Las Vegas	48.9	70	27	0.00	0.35	2.57	0.83	2.54
Los Alamos	47.3	65	31	0.00	0.63	3.47	1.00	3.88
Raton	50.7	74	28	0.13	0.51	1.46	1.06	2.90
Red River	40.3	58	19	0.41	1.52	6.49	1.68	5.75
Santa Fe	49.5	71	29	0.00	0.51	2.47	0.81	2.87
Clayton	55.3	78	35	0.01	0.64	1.98	0.94	2.04
Clovis	59.7	83	38	0.00	0.37	4.98	0.81	2.30
Roy	53.9	73	32	0.00	0.61	1.87	0.82	2.14
Tucumcari	60.6	83	40	0.33	0.78	2.87	0.87	2.00
Grants	46.0	70	23	0.00	0.55	1.88	0.45	1.95
Quemado	42.6	70	16	0.00	0.14	1.57	0.60	2.95
Albuquerque	56.0	74	36	0.00	0.95	2.48	0.52	1.96
Carrizozo	55.9	76	28	0.00	0.49	2.53	0.36	2.10
Socorro	56.7	78	33	0.00	0.93	2.28	0.36	1.41
Gran Quivira	52.6	71	30	0.00	0.45	2.69	0.64	2.88
Moriarty	48.0	74	25	0.00	0.58	3.38	0.66	2.10
Ruidoso	47.9	67	24	0.00	0.50	6.16	0.63	4.24
Carlsbad	64.3	91	39	0.00	0.09	4.80	0.49	1.49
Roswell	59.3	85	30	0.00	0.37	3.12	0.65	1.99
Tatum	56.8	83	33	0.00	0.04	4.06	0.64	2.05
Alamogordo	63.7	79	44	0.00	0.25	2.46	0.26	1.93
Animas	59.0	81	37	0.00	0.00	1.97	0.20	1.86
Deming	59.3	84	31	0.00	0.06	1.44	0.18	1.54
Las Cruces	61.1	83	40	0.00	0.18	1.92	0.21	1.26
T or C	59.2	82	38	0.00	0.14	1.40	0.22	1.40

(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 March totalled 625 million pounds. Milk per cow during the month averaged 1,790 pounds. Milk cows on farms dropped to 349,000 head.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 23 major States during March totalled 14.8 billion pounds, up 1.1 percent from March 2006. February revised production, at 13.1 billion pounds, was up 0.6 percent from February 2006. The February revision represented a decrease of 31 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,782 pounds for March, 7 pounds above March 2006. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.28 million head, 58,000 head more than March 2006, and 5,000 head more than February 2007.

Milk Cows and Production: February 2007^{1/} and March 2006-2007

State	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	3/06	2/07	3/07	3/06	2/07	3/07	3/06	2/07	3/07
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	172	175	175	2,190	1,885	2,200	377	330	385
CA	1,781	1,793	1,796	1,925	1,755	1,975	3,428	3,147	3,547
CO	107	115	115	1,980	1,660	1,890	212	191	217
FL	133	130	130	1,640	1,415	1,640	218	184	213
ID	476	504	504	1,880	1,680	1,890	895	847	953
IL	104	103	103	1,720	1,460	1,655	179	150	170
IN	163	165	167	1,775	1,580	1,770	289	261	296
IA	201	210	211	1,780	1,600	1,770	358	336	373
KS	111	110	110	1,840	1,565	1,775	204	172	195
KY	100	93	94	1,260	1,100	1,240	126	102	117
MI	316	325	326	1,905	1,745	1,940	602	567	632
MN	450	455	455	1,625	1,485	1,650	731	676	751
MO	115	115	115	1,500	1,180	1,370	173	136	158
NM	347	353	349	1,910	1,535	1,790	663	542	625
NY	645	628	628	1,630	1,480	1,630	1,051	929	1,024
OH	273	275	275	1,560	1,390	1,540	426	382	424
OR	118	112	111	1,650	1,545	1,730	195	173	192
PA	555	548	550	1,700	1,500	1,710	944	822	941
TX	332	347	347	1,975	1,640	1,920	656	569	666
VT	143	140	140	1,610	1,385	1,535	230	194	215
VA	103	100	100	1,560	1,380	1,540	161	138	154
WA	238	235	235	1,980	1,780	1,995	471	418	469
WI	1,241	1,246	1,246	1,620	1,470	1,640	2,010	1,832	2,043
23 STS	8,224	8,277	8,282	1,775	1,582	1,782	14,599	13,098	14,760

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 131,000 on April 1, 2007. This compares to 130,000 head on March 1, 2007. Placements increased by 5,000 head from February 2007 to a total of 19,000 head in March. Marketings were down by 1,000 head to 17,000. Other disappearance remained at 1,000 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 11.6 million head on April 1, 2007. The inventory was 1 percent below April 1, 2006 but 7 percent above April 1, 2005. This is the second highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.97 million, 7 percent above 2006 and 12 percent above 2005. Net placements were 1.89 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 350,000, 600-699 pounds were 375,000, 700-799 pounds were 640,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 600,000. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.85 million, down 6 percent from 2006 and 6 percent below 2005. Other disappearance totaled 72,000 during March, 20 percent below 2006 but 6 percent above 2005.

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

	Number on Feed			Placed			Marketed			Other Disappearance ^{1/}		
	4/1/06	3/1/07	4/1/07	-----DURING-----								
				3/06	2/07	3/07	3/06	2/07	3/07	3/06	2/07	3/07
	-----1,000 Head-----											
AZ	351	329	340	30	24	46	28	28	33	2	1	2
CA	535	530	530	59	60	68	68	67	65	6	3	3
CO	1,070	1,010	1,020	155	140	165	165	160	145	10	10	10
ID	250	250	245	42	39	38	45	43	42	2	1	1
IA	500	530	530	55	64	72	73	63	70	2	1	2
KS	2,590	2,420	2,480	480	395	510	470	380	430	30	25	20
NE	2,400	2,510	2,480	335	360	350	370	380	370	15	10	10
NM	139	130	131	21	14	19	23	18	17	2	1	1
OK	360	350	350	68	59	68	72	58	67	1	1	1
SD	210	230	230	36	43	40	35	41	37	1	2	3
TX	2,940	2,790	2,800	485	390	520	540	385	495	15	15	15
WA	152	170	163	26	25	26	27	31	32	1	1	1
Oth Sts	315	350	345	45	46	43	42	57	45	3	4	3
US	11,812	11,599	11,644	1,837	1,659	1,965	1,958	1,711	1,848	90	75	72

* - Revised. ^{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.