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Crop Weather Agricultural Prices Received

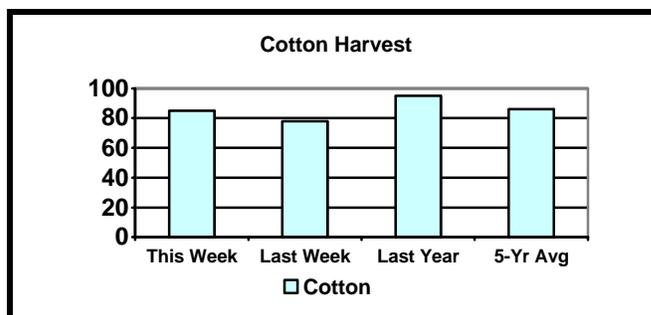
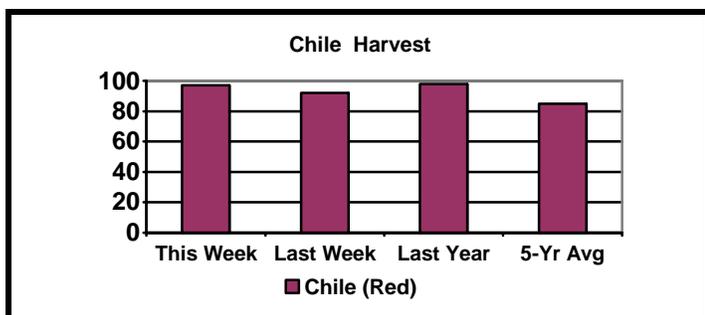
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 2, 2007

NEW MEXICO: There were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 24% very short, 41% short, 33% adequate and 2% surplus. Wind damage was 13% light and 6% moderate. Freeze damage 12% light, 20% moderate and 17% severe. Hail damage was reported as 10% severe. Farmers continue with winter harvest. Cotton was reported as 85% harvested. Irrigated winter wheat condition was mostly fair to good. Dry winter wheat condition was mostly very poor to poor. Red Chile was reported as 97% harvested. Onion condition was mostly good. Pecan condition was mostly good to excellent. Cattle condition was mostly fair to excellent. Sheep condition was mostly fair to excellent. Range and pasture condition was mostly poor to good. Ranchers spent the week supplemental feeding and preparing for the winter.

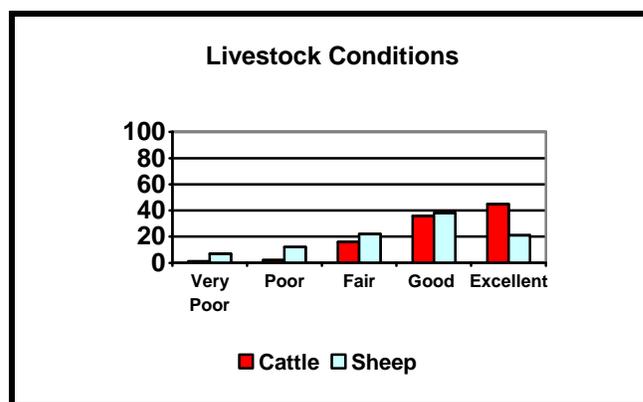
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE (Red)	Harvest	97	92	98	85
COTTON	Harvest	85	78	95	86



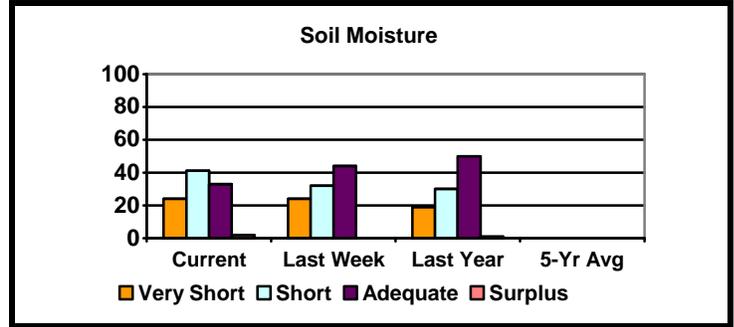
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Onions	---	---	---	100	---
Pecans	1	4	9	43	43
Wheat (All)	40	8	25	26	1
Cattle	1	2	16	36	45
Sheep	7	12	22	38	21
Range/Pasture	14	24	38	19	5



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	37	55	8	--
Northeast	45	32	23	--
Southwest	--	12	75	13
Southeast	2	47	51	--
State Current	24	41	33	2
State-Last Week	24	32	44	--
State-Last Year	19	30	50	1
State-5-Yr Avg.	---	---	---	---



WEATHER SUMMARY

For the week, temperatures were above seasonal averages by 3 to 8 degrees at most locations. An unusually warm and moist system brought rain to much of the state Thursday through Sunday. Three locations, Los Alamos, Gallup and Ruidoso, received over an inch of rain. Data missing at Carrizozo. Data incomplete at Red River, Gran Quivira, Ruidoso, Animas and Truth or Consequences.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - NOVEMBER 26 – DECEMBER 2, 2007

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	11/26 12/02	12/01 12/02	01/01 12/02	Normal Dec	Normal Jan-Dec
Farmington	35.4	51	18	0.60	0.53	7.95	0.50	8.62
Gallup	35.7	55	16	1.14	0.56	12.35	0.96	12.87
Capulin	34.3	57	7	0.27	0.27	18.88	0.48	17.42
Chama	28.7	46	3	1.75	1.24	23.85	1.80	21.61
Johnson Ranch	32.8	54	6	0.62	0.62	11.37	0.67	11.52
Las Vegas	37.1	61	17	0.58	0.29	16.62	0.68	19.04
Los Alamos	33.3	52	10	1.25	1.25	17.64	1.08	18.72
Raton	35.9	58	11	0.47	0.35	12.31	0.58	16.80
Red River	21.0	35	7	0.00	0.00	25.81	1.16	20.49
Santa Fe	36.1	57	17	0.34	0.25	11.59	0.77	13.98
Clayton	38.9	63	18	0.07	0.07	12.76	0.29	15.09
Clovis	45.5	64	23	0.09	0.09	15.91	0.54	17.51
Roy	38.8	59	18	0.15	0.15	14.00	0.45	15.74
Tucumcari	45.2	68	24	0.05	0.05	12.22	0.27	14.17
Grants	36.4	55	8	0.75	0.49	9.75	0.66	10.80
Quemado	35.7	59	-9	0.20	0.00	10.73	1.02	14.06
Albuquerque	41.4	62	24	0.48	0.37	9.41	0.50	8.88
Carrizozo	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	9.82	0.76	12.83
Socorro	43.3	66	17	0.69	0.65	11.06	0.58	9.53
Gran Quivira	40.2	55	20	0.90	0.90	15.00	1.10	16.02
Moriarty	33.6	57	5	0.53	0.53	10.49	0.54	12.71
Ruidoso	40.7	64	17	1.91	1.43	22.85	1.63	21.35
Carlsbad	49.2	73	26	0.06	0.02	16.56	0.41	12.79
Roswell	44.0	71	21	0.05	0.04	14.25	0.55	12.93
Tatum	44.1	68	20	0.13	0.06	23.07	0.48	16.05
Alamogordo	50.7	69	28	0.25	0.23	7.34	0.82	12.74
Animas	48.3	65	27	0.00	0.00	9.54	1.08	11.70
Deming	49.7	70	29	0.23	0.13	6.73	0.85	10.58
Las Cruces	49.9	70	29	0.38	0.37	9.96	0.68	9.40
T or C	45.7	65	28	0.34	0.00	8.10	1.07	10.29

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

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

AGRICULTURAL PRICES RECEIVED

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa hay prices for November averaged \$162.00 per ton a 6% decrease over the November 2006 price of \$172.00 per ton. All Hay prices for November were \$159.00 per ton compared to \$167.00 per ton one year ago, a 5% decrease. Cow prices decreased to \$45.00 per hundredweight from the previous month's price of \$49.00, \$1.40 above the national average of \$43.60. Steer and heifer prices dropped to \$100.00 from \$102.00 in October, \$4.60 above the national average of \$95.40 per hundredweight. Calf prices dropped from \$117.00 per hundredweight in October to \$112.00 per hundredweight for November. The national average price for calves for November was \$118.00 per hundredweight. Milk prices increased by 20 cents to \$21.20 per hundredweight, but remained 40 cents below the national average of \$21.60.

Prices Received by Farmers: Selected Commodities, October 2007 and November 2006- 2007

Commodity	Unit	New Mexico			U.S. ^{1/}
		Nov. 2006 ^{2/}	Oct. 2007 ^{2/}	Nov. 2007 ^{1/}	Nov.
-----Dollars-----					
CROPS					
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	-	-	-	6.22
Cotton, Upland	Lb.	-	-	-	.540
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	6.35
Hay, all baled	Ton	167.00	154.00	159.00	131.00
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	172.00	157.00	162.00	135.00
Peanuts	Lb.	-	-	-	.218
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	3.49
Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	7.92
LIVESTOCK					
Sheep ^{3/}	Cwt.	-	-	-	25.30
Lambs ^{3/}	Cwt.	-	-	-	97.00
Cows	Cwt.	40.80	49.00	45.00	43.60
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	97.00	102.00	100.00	95.40
Calves	Cwt.	114.00	117.00	112.00	118.00
Milk	Cwt.	13.50	21.00	21.20	21.60

^{1/} Mid-month ^{2/} Entire month ^{3/} October - entire month ^{4/} Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices available for Jan., Apr., July, and Oct.

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