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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the New Mexico Ag Update is in response to your request for the results of your recent survey participation. The Ag Update is now produced monthly and you are receiving a copy of the report sent to other data users.

The New Mexico farmers and ranchers thank you for your participation. Your participation permits USDA to produce quality statistics for your planning and market decisions.

Thanks,

Jim Brueggen, Director

JUNE ACREAGE

NEW MEXICO: Corn planted for all purposes is estimated at 115,000 acres, down 15 percent from last year. Area planted to **sorghum** is estimated to be 100,000 acres, down 5 percent from 2007. **Upland cotton** acreage dropped to 32,000 acres, down 26 percent; however **American-pima** growers planted 6,000 acres, 20 percent above last year.

Growers expect to harvest 250,000 acres of **alfalfa hay** and 80,000 acres of **all other hay**. **Peanut** acreage is estimated at 9,000 acres, down 1,000 from 2007. **Dry bean** acreage is 7,000, down 500 from last year. Harvested area of **winter wheat** is expected to reach only 180,000 acres, down 40 percent from the 2007 harvest and heavily impacted by the severe drought.

UNITED STATES: Corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 87.3 million acres, down 7 percent from last year. Despite the decrease, corn planted acreage is the second highest since 1946, behind last year's total of 93.6 million acres. Growers expect to harvest 78.9 million acres for grain, down 9 percent from 2007. Area planted to **sorghum** in 2008 is estimated at 7.27 million acres, down 6 percent from 2007. Area to be harvested for grain is forecast at 6.41 million acres, also down 6 percent from last year.

Soybean planted area for 2008 is estimated at 74.5 million acres, up 17 percent from last year but 1 percent below the record high acreage in 2006. Area for harvest, at 72.1 million acres, is up 15 percent from 2007. Compared with last year, planted acreage increases are expected in all States, and the U.S. planted area for soybeans is the third largest on record. **All wheat** planted area is estimated at 63.5 million acres, up 5 percent from 2007. The 2008 **winter wheat** planted area, at 46.6 million acres, is 4

percent above last year but down slightly from the previous estimate.

All Cotton plantings for 2008 are estimated at 9.25 million acres, 15 percent below last year and the lowest since 1983. **Upland** planted area is estimated at 9.04 million acres, down 14 percent from 2007. **American-Pima** cotton growers planted 202,000 acres, down 31 percent from 2007. Area planted to **peanuts** in 2008 is estimated at 1.46 million acres, up 19 percent from 2007 and 18 percent more than was planted in 2006. Area for harvest is forecast at 1.43 million acres compared with 1.20 million harvested last year.

U.S. **dry bean** growers intend to plant 1.40 million acres in 2008, down slightly from the March 1 forecast and down 8 percent from 2007. Acres to be harvested in 2008 are estimated at 1.34 million acres, down 9 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 60.4 million acres of **all hay** in 2008, down 2 percent from 2007. Expected harvested area of **alfalfa** and alfalfa mixtures, at 20.8 million acres, is down 4 percent from 2007.

Area Planted for All Purposes and Harvested, by State and United States, 2007- 2008

Crop	State	Area Planted for All Purposes			Area Harvested ^{1/}		
		2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
		--- 1,000 Acres ---		Percent	--- 1,000 Acres ---		Percent
Corn:							
	AZ	55	45	82	23	20	87
	CO	1,200	1,300	108	1,060	1,170	110
	NM	135	115	85	55	60	109
	TX	2,150	2,450	114	2,000	2,250	113
	US	93,600	87,327	93	86,542	78,940	91
Sorghum:							
	AZ	45	45	100	21	25	119
	CO	220	230	105	150	180	120
	NM	105	100	95	75	45	60
	TX	2,750	2,600	95	2,450	2,250	92
	US	7,718	7,271	94	6,805	6,405	94
Wheat:							
	AZ	86	163	190	83	161	194
	CO	2,520	2,190	87	2,369	2,038	86
	NM	490	460	94	300	180	60
	TX	6,200	5,900	95	3,800	3,500	92
	US	60,433	63,457	105	51,011	56,586	111
Alfalfa Hay:							
	AZ				250	260	104
	CO				800	830	104
	NM				260	250	96
	TX				140	150	107
	US				21,670	20,778	96
Other Hay:							
	AZ				40	35	88
	CO				750	750	100
	NM				90	80	89
	TX				5,200	4,600	88
	US				39,955	39,661	99
Soybeans:							
	TX	86	200	233	82	185	226
	US	63,631	74,533	117	62,820	72,121	115
Peanuts:							
	NM	10	9	90	10	9	90
	TX	190	240	126	187	235	126
	US	1,230	1,461	119	1,195	1,426	119
Dry Beans:							
	CA	59.0	46.0	78	58.0	45.0	78
	CO	48.0	55.0	115	46.0	51.0	111
	NM	7.5	7.0	93	7.5	7.0	93
	TX	17.0	15.0	88	16.2	13.5	83
	US	1,526.9	1,398.0	92	1,478.7	1,339.2	91
Upland:							
	AZ	170	140		168	2/	
	NM	43	32	74	39	2/	
	TX	4,900	4,700	96	4,700	2/	
	US	10,535	9,044	86	10,201	2/	
Amer-Pima:							
	AZ	2.5	1.0		2.5	2/	
	NM	5.0	6.0	128	5.0	2/	
	TX	25.0	20.0	80	24.0	2/	
	US	292.0	202.0	69	288.0	2/	

1/ Harvested for principal use of each crop, i.e., grain, nuts, etc.

2/ Cotton area harvested will be released August 12.

JUNE 1 GRAIN STOCKS

UNITED STATES:

Corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2008 totaled 4.03 billion bushels, up 14 percent from June 1, 2007. Of the total stocks, 1.97 billion bushels are stored on farms, up 8 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 2.06 billion bushels, are up 21 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2008 indicated disappearance is 2.83 billion bushels, compared with 2.53 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Grain sorghum stored in all positions on June 1, 2008 totaled 96.8 million bushels, up 29 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 7.00 million bushels, are up 30 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 89.8 million bushels, are up 29 percent from June 1, 2007.

Soybeans stored in all positions on June 1, 2008 totaled 676 million bushels, down 38 percent from June 1, 2007. On-farm stocks totaled 227 million bushels, down 55 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 449 million bushels, are down 24 percent from the previous year. Indicated disappearance for the March - May 2008 quarter totaled 758 million bushels, up 9 percent from the same period a year earlier.

All wheat stored in all positions on June 1, 2008 totaled 306 million bushels, down 33 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 25.6 million bushels, down 65 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 280 million bushels, are down 27 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2008 indicated disappearance is 404 million bushels, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

U.S. Grain Stocks: By Position, Month, United States, 2007-2008

Date	2007			2008		
	On Farms	Off Farms ^{1/}	All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms ^{1/}	All Positions
	----- 1,000 Bushels -----					
	Corn					
Mar 1	3,330,000	2,738,250	6,068,250	3,780,000	3,078,722	6,858,722
Jun 1	1,826,600	1,706,843	3,533,443	1,970,900	2,057,117	4,028,017
Sep 1	460,100	843,547	1,303,647			
Dec 1	6,530,000	3,748,085	10,278,085			
	Sorghum					
Mar 1	17,100	125,122	142,222	26,100	159,808	185,908
Jun 1	5,380	69,490	74,870	7,000	89,805	96,805
Sep 1	2,150	29,903	32,053			
Dec 1	51,400	239,850	291,250			
	All Wheat					
Mar 1	192,450	664,278	856,728	91,990	617,280	709,270
Jun 1	73,190	382,963	456,153	25,635	279,983	305,618
Sep 1	495,000	1,221,927	1,716,927			
Dec 1	289,540	842,398	1,131,938			
	Soybeans					
Mar 1	910,000	876,887	1,786,887	593,000	840,982	1,433,982
Jun 1	500,000	592,185	1,092,185	226,600	449,491	676,091
Sep 1	143,000	430,810	573,810			
Dec 1	1,100,000	1,231,860	2,331,860			

^{1/} Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 22, 2007

NEW MEXICO: There were 6.7 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 36% very short, 42% short and 22% adequate. Wind damage was 32% light and 14% moderate. Farmers spent the week cutting and baling hay, as well as planting, weeding, irrigating, and harvesting crops. We received some reports of pest damage to crops.

Alfalfa was mostly fair to good, with 85% of second cutting complete, and 23% of third cutting complete. Cotton was mostly fair to excellent, with 43% squaring and 19% setting bolls. Corn was mostly good. Irrigated sorghum was mostly fair to good, with 98% planted and 2% headed. Dry sorghum was mostly poor to fair with 58% planted. Total sorghum was mostly poor to good, with 77% planted and 1% headed.

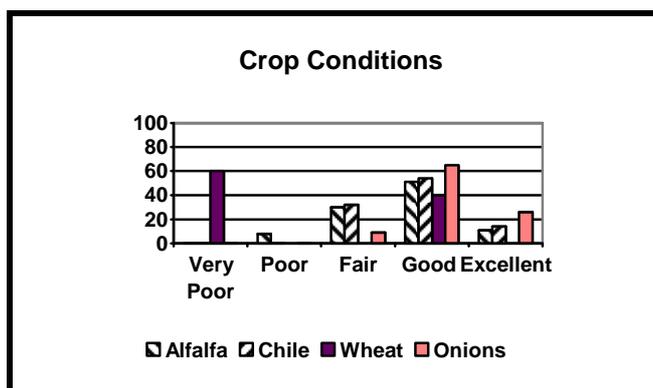
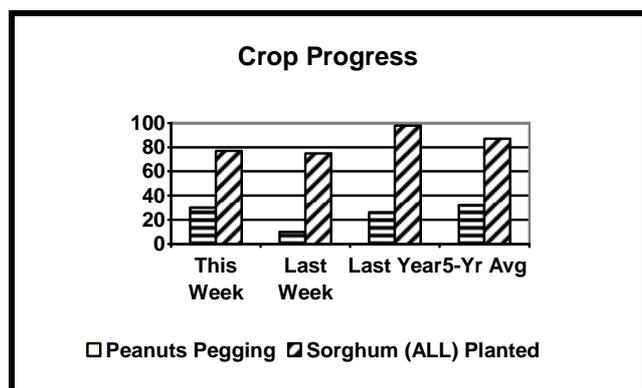
Irrigated winter wheat was mostly good with 61% harvested. Dry winter wheat was very poor with 52% harvested. Total winter wheat was mostly very poor and good, with 56% harvested. Peanuts were mostly fair to good, with 30% pegged.

Chile conditions were mostly fair to good. Onions were mostly good to excellent, with 74% harvested. Apples were fair and good. Pecans were mostly good.

Cattle conditions were 3% very poor, 13% poor, 42% fair and 42% good. Sheep conditions were 9% very poor, 19% poor, 53% fair and 19% good. Range and pasture conditions were 14% very poor, 54% poor, 26% fair, and 6% good. Livestock producers have been busy culling herds, hauling water, and supplemental feeding. Many areas of the state received some moisture last week, but more is needed in order to improve rangeland conditions.

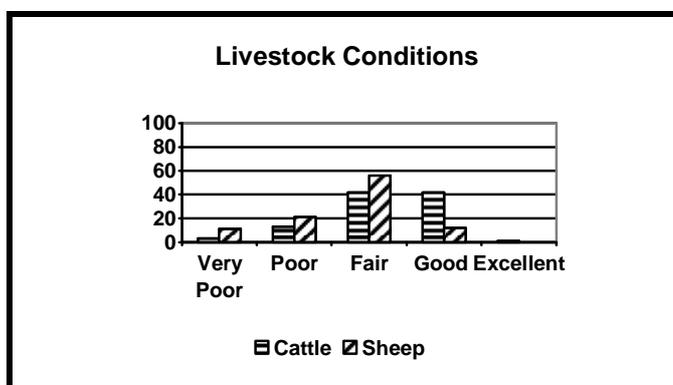
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CORN	Emerged	3	N/A	7	11
COTTON	Squaring	43	23	48	61
ONIONS	Harvested	74	70	69	68
PEANUTS	Pegging	30	10	26	32
SORGHUM (ALL)	Planted	77	75	98	87
WHEAT (ALL)	Harvested	56	50	59	70



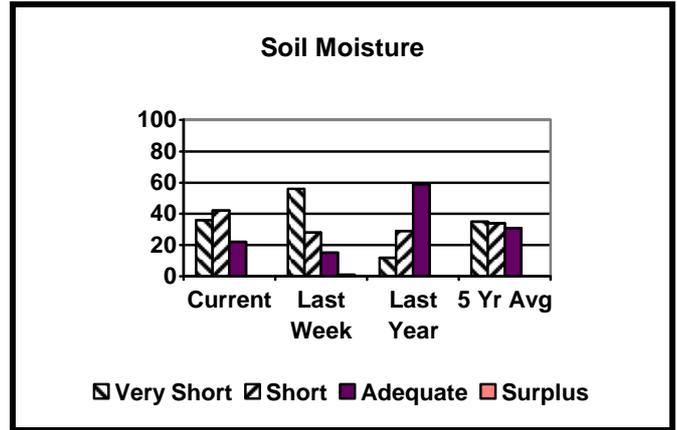
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	8	30	51	11
Chile	---	---	32	54	14
Corn	---	---	9	83	8
Cotton	---	---	23	60	17
Onions	---	---	9	65	26
Peanuts	---	5	62	23	10
Pecan	---	---	1	84	15
Sorghum (All)	---	30	57	10	3
Wheat (All)	60	---	---	40	---
Cattle	3	13	42	42	---
Sheep	9	19	53	19	---
Range/Pasture	14	54	26	6	---



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	20	48	32	---
Northeast	36	50	14	---
Southwest	66	34	---	---
Southeast	19	35	46	---
State Current	36	42	22	---
State-Last Week	56	28	15	1
State-Last Year	12	29	59	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	35	34	31	---



WEATHER SUMMARY

TEMPERATURES DURING THE WEEK WERE ABOVE NORMAL ACROSS MOST OF NEW MEXICO BUT COOLER AFTERNOON TEMPERATURES WERE RECORDED ON SUNDAY. A FEW LIGHT SHOWERS WERE REPORTED ON MONDAY IN A FEW AREAS AND SCATTERED THUNDERSTORMS AND SHOWERS BY THE WEEKEND. THE GREATER AMOUNTS OF PRECIPITATION WERE REPORTED IN THE EASTERN PLAINS.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – June 23 - 29, 2008

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 23-Jun - 29-Jun	Month 1-Jun - 29-Jun	Accum. 1-Jan - 29-Jun	Normal Jun	Normal Jan-Jun
Northwest								
Albuquerque	79.0	94	63	0.50	0.50	1.59	0.59	3.05
Chama	61.4	85	39	0.00	0.00	7.34	1.12	8.84
Farmington	76.4	97	56	0.02	0.13	3.05	0.22	3.37
Gallup	69.4	91	44	0.00	0.35	5.49	0.45	4.19
Grants	70.0	92	48	0.79	0.87	3.05	0.55	3.03
Johnson Ranch	69.2	93	45	0.00	0.00	2.77	0.68	3.77
Los Alamos	68.9	84	53	0.00	0.04	4.48	1.36	6.41
Red River	54.9	78	34	0.00	0.28	3.82	1.40	8.92
Santa Fe	73.0	93	52	0.08	0.18	3.69	1.17	5.26
Northeast								
Capulin	65.5	88	42	0.21	0.68	4.68	2.11	7.27
Clayton	75.7	97	55	0.00	0.78	3.29	2.27	6.30
Clovis	77.1	97	59	0.27	0.27	4.60	2.84	7.01
Las Vegas	68.7	88	49	0.63	1.00	3.60	2.04	6.40
Moriarty	71.0	91	51	0.51	0.51	2.68	0.92	3.99
Raton	70.1	97	44	1.15	1.36	3.09	1.99	7.16
Roy	72.8	95	55	0.00	0.45	2.83	2.08	6.06
Tucumcari	79.6	102	59	2.09	3.34	7.81	1.78	5.27
Southwest								
Animas	80.9	99	50	0.00	0.16	0.52	0.44	2.48
Deming	82.4	101	59	0.00	0.03	0.53	0.55	2.28
Gran Quivira	74.6	93	53	0.22	0.30	2.17	1.01	4.71
Quemado	68.8	88	45	0.22	0.22	2.24	0.74	4.19
Socorro	76.4	95	58	0.00	0.03	0.80	0.57	2.50
T or C	80.8	98	66	0.11	0.12	1.09	0.69	2.58
Southeast								
Alamogordo	83.0	99	67	0.08	0.28	1.21	0.90	3.28
Carlsbad	82.9	103	66	0.17	0.57	1.89	1.30	3.95
Carrizozo	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.11	0.90	0.78	3.50
Las Cruces	81.9	100	63	0.03	0.03	0.20	0.72	2.27
Roswell	78.8	98	62	1.42	1.68	3.11	1.52	4.75
Ruidoso	66.6	84	50	0.18	1.94	4.18	1.86	6.97
Tatum	76.1	96	60	0.92	1.70	3.97	2.03	6.17

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction - All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES RECEIVED

UNITED STATES: The June **corn** price, at \$6.12 per bushel, is up 84 cents from May and \$2.59 above June 2007. The **all hay** price, at \$161 per ton, is down \$5.00 from May but up \$30.00 from last June. **Sorghum grain**, at \$11.70 per cwt, is \$2.38 above May and \$5.59 above June last year.

The June **all wheat** price, at \$8.28 per bushel, is down 59 cents from May but \$3.25 above June 2007. The **soybean** price, at \$13.50 per bushel, increased \$1.40 from May and is \$5.99 above June 2007. The June cotton price, at 59.2 cents per pound, is down 1.3 cents from the previous month but 13.8 cents above last June.

Prices Received by Farmers: Selected Commodities, June 2008 and July 2007-08

Commodity	Unit	New Mexico			U.S. 2008	
		June 2007 ^{2/}	May 2008 ^{2/}	June 2008 ^{1/}	May ^{2/}	June ^{1/}
----- Dollars -----						
CROPS						
Corn	Bu.	—	—	—	5.28	6.12
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	—	—	—	9.32	11.70
Soybeans	Bu.	—	—	—	12.10	13.50
Cotton, Upland	Lb.	—	—	—	0.605	0.592
Potatoes	Cwt.	—	—	—	9.16	10.37
Hay, all baled	Ton	174.00	182.00	195.00	166.00	161.00
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	177.00	185.00	198.00	177.00	172.00
Peanuts	Lb.	—	—	—	0.204	0.201
Wheat, all	Bu.	—	—	—	8.87	8.28
LIVESTOCK						
Lambs ^{3/}	Cwt.	—	—	—	100.00	—
Sheep ^{3/}	Cwt.	—	—	—	27.7	—
Cows	Cwt.	42.40	52.00	54.00	53.90	53.80
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	114.00	98.00	97.00	95.90	95.90
Calves	Cwt.	141.00	128.00	124.00	119.00	120.00
Milk	Cwt.	10.80	19.80	22.00	18.40	19.40

^{1/} Mid-month ^{2/} Entire month

CATTLE ON FEED

NEW MEXICO: Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in New Mexico feedlots with capacity of 1000 or more head totaled 149,000 head on June 1, 2008 down 1,000 head from the previous month's total of 150,000 head. Placements for May were 23,000 head, up 9,000 head from April's 14,000 head. Market head cattle were at 23,000 in May, up 7,000 head from April. Other disappearance remained unchanged from April's 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 10.8 million head on June 1, 2008. The inventory

was 4 percent below June 1, 2007 and 3 percent below June 1, 2006.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.90 million, 12 percent below 2007 and slightly below 2006. Net placements were 1.82 million head. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 340,000, 600-699 pounds were 350,000, 700-799 pounds were 564,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 645,000. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.14 million, 3 percent above 2007 but 1 percent below 2006. Other disappearance totaled 80,000 during May, 19 percent below 2007 and 30 percent below 2006.

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

	Number on Feed			Placed			Marketed			Other Disappearance ^{2/}		
	6/1/07	5/1/08	6/1/08	-----DURING-----								
				5/07	4/08	5/08	5/07	4/08	5/08	5/07	4/08	5/08
-----1,000 Head-----												
AZ	340	370	365	36	34	34	32	37	38	4	1	1
CO	1,020	950	920	175	115	150	155	165	170	20	20	10
NM	128	150	149	34	9	23	23	16	23	1	1	1
OK	340	305	305	71	40	76	65	74	75	1	1	1
TX	2,870	2,690	2,690	710	360	560	510	540	550	10	10	10
US	11,272	11,135	10,814	2,159	1,536	1,899	2,085	2,010	2,140	99	75	80

^{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.

MILK PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Milk production in New Mexico during May totaled 700 million pounds compared to 638 million pounds during the same time period in 2007. Milk per cow for the month averaged 2,040 pounds. Number of milk cows on farms was 343,000 head compared to 341,000 head in May 2007.

Milk Cows and Production: April 2007 ^{1/} and May 2007-2008

State	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	5/07	4/08	5/08	5/07	4/08	5/08	5/07	4/07	5/08
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	182	186	186	2.105	2.140	2.165	383	398	403
CO	116	127	127	1.990	1.910	1.990	231	243	253
NM	341	342	343	1.870	1.990	2.040	638	681	700
TX	347	370	372	1.870	1.965	1.995	649	727	742
23 STS	8,298	8,448	8,460	1.791	1.757	1.816	14,860	14,839	15,361

^{1/} Revised. ^{2/} Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ^{3/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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