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Weather Summary Cattle on Feed

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WEATHER SUMMARY

For the week, temperatures were near or below average all locations except for the southwest corner of New Mexico where temperatures were 2 to 7 degrees above normal. In the east, two strong cold surges resulted in large swings in high temperatures Monday through Thursday. Two storm systems brought widespread precipitation to the state. The first storm swept across the state midweek and favored the western portions of New Mexico while a more substantial winter storm approached New Mexico over the weekend with rain, snow and wind affecting much of the state on Sunday. No data for Red River or Quemado, data incomplete for Gran Quivira and Los Alamos.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - JANUARY 21 - 27, 2008

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 01/21 01/27	Month 01/01 01/27	Accum. 2008	Normal Jan	Normal Jan-Jan
Farmington	29.6	45	13	0.14	0.86	0.86	0.59	0.59
Gallup	27.9	47	5	0.41	1.21	1.21	0.80	0.80
Capulin	28.6	62	0	0.00	0.19	0.19	0.40	0.40
Chama	21.6	42	-8	0.33	2.36	2.36	1.77	1.77
Johnson Ranch	26.7	45	6	0.00	0.40	0.40	0.67	0.67
Las Vegas	32.6	58	11	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.60	0.60
Los Alamos	27.1	40	12	0.04	0.83	0.83	0.86	0.86
Raton	30.0	64	5	0.00	0.16	0.16	0.47	0.47
Red River	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.07	1.07
Santa Fe	32.6	50	11	0.02	0.70	0.70	0.63	0.63
Clayton	32.5	67	7	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.24	0.24
Clovis	35.9	64	9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.39	0.39
Roy	31.8	64	7	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.34	0.34
Tucumcari	36.9	68	10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.28	0.28
Grants	30.7	51	8	0.01	0.80	0.80	0.49	0.49
Quemado	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.83	0.83
Albuquerque	36.6	52	20	0.01	0.20	0.20	0.44	0.44
Carrizozo	35.8	58	13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.60	0.60
Socorro	35.9	56	15	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.39	0.39
Gran Quivira	36.8	52	19	0.00	0.17	0.17	0.70	0.70
Moriarty	28.4	56	4	0.00	0.69	0.69	0.43	0.43
Ruidoso	36.2	56	19	0.05	0.16	0.16	1.12	1.12
Carlsbad	40.7	73	19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.35	0.35
Roswell	34.8	66	9	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.43	0.43
Tatum	35.7	70	15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.39	0.39
Alamogordo	43.4	63	20	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.67	0.67
Animas	48.1	62	31	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.68	0.68
Deming	43.8	60	21	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.56	0.56
Las Cruces	44.2	61	17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.46	0.46
T or C	41.7	58	24	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.46	0.46

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

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

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 160,000 head on January 1, 2008. This compares to 149,000 head on December 1, 2007. Placements decreased from 40,000 head in November 2007 to 26,000 head in December. Marketings also dropped to 13,000 head in December from 23,000 head in November 2007. Other disappearance remained at 2,000 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 12.1 million head on January 1, 2008. The inventory was 1 percent above January 1, 2007 and 2 percent above January 1, 2006. This is the highest January 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.65 million steers and steer calves, up 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.38 million head, up 2 percent from 2007. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.70 million, 1 percent below 2007 and 10 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.64 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 480,000, 600-699 pounds were 505,000, 700-799 pounds were 420,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 296,000. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.65 million, 1 percent above 2007 but 4 percent below 2006. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of December since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 58,000 during December, 34 percent below 2007 and 36 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/}		
	1/1/07	12/1/07	1/1/08	-----DURING-----								
				12/06	11/07	12/07	12/06	11/07	12/07	12/06	11/07	12/07
	-----1,000 Head-----											
AZ	334	367	368	26	37	26	31	27	24	2	3	1
CA	550	555	560	77	73	67	63	61	60	4	2	2
CO	1,100	1,070	1,100	135	190	170	150	145	135	5	5	5
ID	260	240	235	39	48	39	41	42	42	8	1	2
IA	520	570	570	82	96	71	59	75	69	3	1	2
KS	2,540	2,500	2,480	410	450	385	390	355	390	30	15	15
NE	2,540	2,520	2,530	390	485	355	350	355	335	10	10	10
NM	136	*149	160	15	*40	26	15	23	13	1	2	2
OK	350	345	350	46	62	44	42	50	37	4	2	2
SD	225	215	230	50	50	50	32	38	33	3	2	2
TX	2,870	3,010	2,960	370	510	380	385	490	420	15	10	10
WA	184	168	164	24	31	25	24	27	28	1	2	1
Oth Sts	365	390	390	50	62	63	43	50	59	2	2	4
US	11,974	*12,099	12,097	1,714	*2,134	1,701	1,625	1,738	1,645	88	57	58

* - 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.