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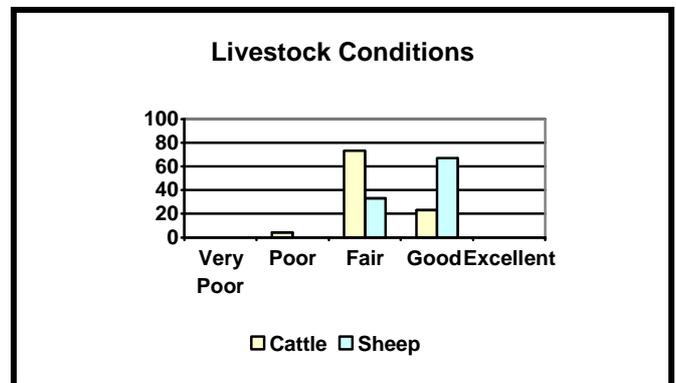
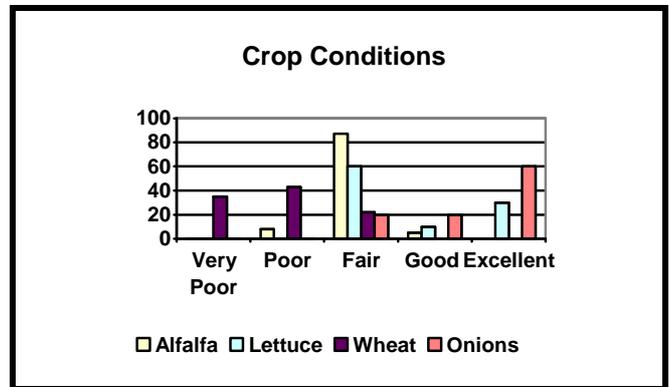
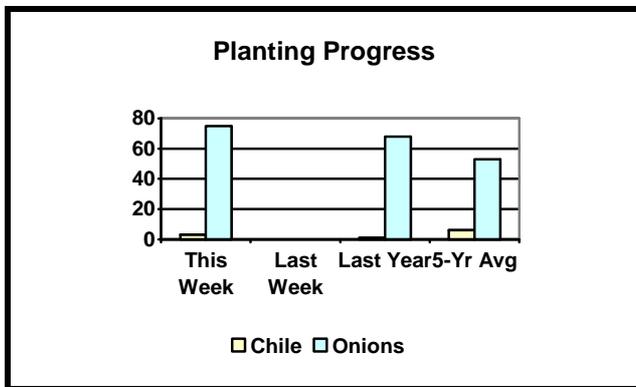
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## CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 9, 2008

**NEW MEXICO:** There were 6.4 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 51% very short, 31% short and 18% adequate. Wind damage was 9% light and 14% moderate. Freeze damage was 16% light and 14% moderate. Farmers spent the week planting onions and chile, preparing fields for other spring planting, and irrigating crops. Alfalfa was reported as 8% poor, 87% fair and 5% good. Irrigated winter wheat was reported as 5% very poor, 40% poor, and 55% fair, with 30% being reported as grazed. Dry winter wheat was reported as 55% very poor, and 45% poor, with 5% being reported as grazed. Total winter wheat was reported as 35% very poor, 43% poor, 22% fair, with 15% being reported as grazed. Onions were reported as 20% fair, 20% good, and 60% excellent with 75% being reported as planted. Cattle conditions were reported as 4% poor, 73% fair and 23% good. Sheep conditions were reported as 33% fair and 67% good. Range and pasture conditions were reported as 1% very poor, 35% poor, 51% fair and 13% good. Livestock producers have been busy supplemental feeding.

### CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Planted	3	N/A	1	6
ONIONS	Planted	75	N/A	68	53
WHEAT	Grazed	15	N/A	N/A	N/A

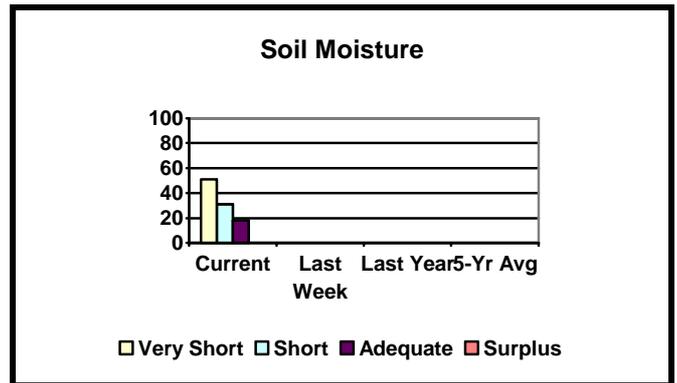


### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	8	87	5	---
Lettuce	---	---	60	10	30
Onions	---	---	20	20	60
Wheat (All)	35	43	22	---	---
Cattle	---	4	73	23	---
Sheep	---	---	33	67	---
Range/Pasture	1	35	51	13	---

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	5	20	75	---
Northeast	75	25	---	---
Southwest	25	75	---	---
Southeast	75	8	17	---
State Current	51	31	18	---
State-Last Week	---	---	---	---
State-Last Year	---	---	---	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	---	---	---	---



WEATHER SUMMARY

A cold front moved across the state on the first, second, and third of March. Another system blew through the Land of Enchantment mid week and recorded significant precipitation at sites like Los Alamos, Red River, Moriarty, Roy, and Gran Quivira. Finally on Sunday the tenth, five sites across the state also recorded either measurable or a trace amount of precipitation. Temperatures started to climb into the high sixties and even into the seventies for many sites in New Mexico. Daily data was missing from Los Alamos, Socorro, and Ruidoso.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - MARCH 3 - 9, 2007

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	03/03 03/09	03/01 03/09	Normal Mar.	01/01 03/09	Normal Jan-Mar
Farmington	33.6	53	17	0.00	0.00	2.06	0.81	1.97
Gallup	33.8	53	14	0.10	0.10	2.91	1.05	2.59
Capulin	26.1	57	5	0.45	0.65	1.31	0.89	1.85
Chama	22.3	42	-1	0.00	0.00	5.05	1.99	5.34
Johnson Ranch	30.9	51	12	0.00	0.00	1.47	0.74	1.98
Las Vegas	28.1	57	5	0.20	0.21	0.88	0.63	1.71
Los Alamos	27.3	48	8	0.34	0.34	2.22	1.22	2.88
Raton	30.4	62	9	0.18	0.18	0.44	0.83	1.84
Red River	16.4	44	-8	0.37	0.52	0.52	1.78	4.07
Santa Fe	30.4	54	12	0.39	0.39	2.25	0.74	2.06
Clayton	36.0	66	20	0.01	0.01	0.30	0.55	1.10
Clovis	38.6	66	23	0.09	0.38	2.07	0.59	1.49
Roy	31.8	61	9	0.31	0.41	0.87	0.55	1.32
Tucumcari	39.5	70	20	0.10	0.12	0.30	0.40	1.13
Grants	31.1	58	7	0.07	0.09	1.78	0.50	1.50
Quemado	31.8	55	5	0.00	0.00	1.14	0.80	2.35
Albuquerque	40.1	61	22	0.00	0.00	0.80	0.54	1.44
Carrizozo	37.0	60	8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.57	1.74
Socorro	39.8	63	15	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.27	1.05
Gran Quivira	35.8	58	12	0.28	0.28	0.94	0.72	2.24
Moriarty	31.1	57	8	0.45	0.45	1.21	0.53	1.44
Ruidoso	30.5	53	6	0.15	0.15	1.35	1.33	3.61
Carlsbad	44.7	69	25	0.04	0.07	0.09	0.30	1.00
Roswell	40.0	72	20	0.19	0.19	0.25	0.45	1.34
Tatum	38.4	67	14	0.11	0.11	0.15	0.52	1.41
Alamogordo	42.9	67	19	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.46	1.67
Animas	45.2	70	24	0.00	0.00	0.70	0.47	1.66
Deming	44.4	67	21	0.00	0.00	0.42	0.34	1.36
Las Cruces	45.3	68	27	0.00	0.00	0.17	0.22	1.05
T or C	44.5	69	25	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.34	1.18

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

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

## ANNUAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

**NEW MEXICO:** Commercial cattle slaughter during 2007 totaled 7,900 head, down from 11,000 head slaughtered in 2006. The average live weight in 2007 was 909 pounds down from 941 pounds in 2006. Commercial hog slaughter totaled 1,000 head compared to 1,800 head in 2006. The average live weight dropped 12 pounds from 265 in 2006 to 253 in 2007. Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for 2007 increased 37% from 8,900 head in 2006 to 12,200 head in 2007. The average live weight for 2007 also increased from 125 pounds in 2006 to 137 pounds in 2007.

**UNITED STATES:** Commercial cattle slaughter during 2007 totaled 34.3 million head, up 2 percent from 2006, with federal inspection comprising 98.4 percent of the total. The average live weight was 1,269 pounds, down 2 pounds from a year ago. Commercial hog slaughter totaled 109.2 million head, 4 percent higher than 2006 with 99.1 percent of the hogs slaughtered under federal inspection. The average live weight was unchanged from last year, at 269 pounds. Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter, at 2.69 million head, was down slightly from the previous year with 93.9 percent comprised by federal inspection. The average live weight was unchanged from 2006 at 136 pounds.

**Commercial Livestock Slaughter, New Mexico and U.S., 2006-2007 <sup>1/</sup>**

	New Mexico						United States					
	Number Slaughtered		Total Live weight		Average Live weight		Number Slaughtered		Total Live weight		Average Live weight	
	'06	'07	'06	'07	'06	'07	'06	'07	'06	'07	'06	'07
	<u>1,000 Head</u>		<u>1,000 Pounds</u>		<u>Pounds</u>		<u>1,000 Head</u>		<u>1,000 Pounds</u>		<u>Pounds</u>	
Cattle	11.0	7.9	10,346	7,196	941	909	33,698.3	34,264.0	42,819,733	43,483,106	1,271	1,269
Calves <sup>2/</sup>	---	3.3	---	290	---	87	711.3	758.1	243,608	229,570	342	303
Hogs	1.8	1.0	465	249	265	253	104,736.6	109,171.6	28,142,716	29,313,831	269	269
Sheep/Lambs	8.9	12.2	1,109	1,678	125	137	2,698.5	2,693.7	368,100	365,319	136	136

<sup>1/</sup> Includes slaughter under Federal Inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter. <sup>2/</sup> State data included in U.S. total. Data not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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