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ALABAMA: Days suitable for fieldwork 4.0. Soybeans harvested 95%, 89% 1999, 86% 5 yr avg. Planting winter annuals for forage and cover.

ALASKA: DATA NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL APRIL 2001

ARIZONA: Area recorded below average temperatures with very light precipitation throughout the state during the week of November 26. Cooler temperatures will slow the maturity of the Winter fresh market vegetable crops.

ARKANSAS: Days suitable for fieldwork 3.0. Soil moisture supplies 0% very short, 5% short, 62% adequate, 33% surplus. Temperatures were below normal with rainfall above normal. Cotton 100% harvest, 100% 1999, 90% 5 yr avg. Soybean 100% mature; 97% harvest, 98% 1999, 93% 5 yr avg. Wheat 93% planted, 97% 1999, 93% 5 yr avg.; 85% emerged, 88% 1999, 81% 5 yr avg. Wheat 2% poor, 31% fair, 51% good, 16% excellent. Alfalfa Hay 8% very poor, 15% poor, 67% fair, 10% good; Other Hay 13% very poor, 25% poor, 41% fair, 19% good, 2% excellent. Pasture, Range feeds 4% very poor, 12% poor, 51% fair, 32% good, 1% excellent. FIELD CROP: The main activities for the week were harvesting soybean, planting wheat as cotton harvest reached completion. Farmers were scouting, spraying for ryegrass, cheat in wheat. Producers were maintaining, preparing farm equipment for the winter. LIVESTOCK, PASTURE RANGE: Livestock were in good condition. Livestock are on winter pastures or grazing on crop residues.

COLORADO: Chilly weather prevailed throughout most of state this past week, with snow falling consistently in the mountain areas. The end of the week brought some sunshine allowing producers to continue steady progress on the sunflower harvest. Winter wheat remains in mostly good condition. Livestock are on winter pastures or grazing on crop residues.

CALIFORNIA: Cotton picking continued, but was nearing completion. Cotton plow down compliance operations continued, as growers shredded, disked harvested fields. Alfalfa continued to be cut and green chopped for silage. Some alfalfa was still being baled for hay, though drying conditions were slow. Where weather has been cold, alfalfa began to go dormant; some varieties were treated with dormant sprays. In other areas, alfalfa planting and corn harvesting continued. Sudan grass, Bermuda grass seed were also being harvested. Occasional fields were undergoing soil pretreatment for nematodes, weeds in preparation for spring planting. Winter forage planting, harvesting continued. Planting of small grains continued under ideal weather conditions. Early-planted fields were emerging, exhibiting normal growth, development. Some emerging oat fields were sprayed for weeds. Some dryland wheat growers were waiting for more soil moisture before planting. A very small number of dry bean fields remained to be harvested. Sugar beets were being harvested. Growers were pruning trees, vines. Some older variety trees, vines were removed, replaced by new varieties. Picking of grapes for fresh consumption continued in the San Joaquin Valley. Crimson Seedless, Emperor were the primary varieties picked. Persimmon and kiwi fruit harvesting continued. Picking of grapefruit was active. The harvest of new crop navel oranges continued. Concerns remained about navels oranges shipped with Glassy Winged Sharpshooters aboard. The harvest of valencia oranges slowed considerably in southern state, the San Joaquin Valley. Picking was nearing completion. Lemon picking was active in southern state. Recent frosty mornings enhanced citrus color, toughened the rinds. Almond, pistachio, walnut harvests were winding down. Pecan harvesting was active. Pruning, pulling out old nut trees was also active. Cool weather, frosty mornings halted the harvest of cucumbers, bitter melons, eggplant, string beans, squash. The frost affected vegetable crops, but lettuce, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower could still be harvested. Head lettuce maturation was delayed due to cold weather some parts of the San Joaquin Valley. Cutting of ferns from asparagus was underway on the westside of Merced County. Red onion planting was completed. Cilantro fields were emerging. The following vegetables were also harvested: carrots; turnip greens; fresh tomatoes; bell peppers, freezer beans; fall melons; mixed lettuce; radishes; radicchio; spinach. Lower elevation ranch pasture feeds were poor due to cold weather, lack of rainfall. New vegetation at lower elevations was suffering stress. Supplemental feeding of cattle continued, especially in central state. Calving, lambing were winding down in many areas, increasing the need for ranchers to supply nutrients to lactating cows. Stock ewes, lambs were being grazed on alfalfa fields in central state, while lambs were grazed on alfalfa in the Imperial Valley. Honey bees were being moved to winter sites in preparation for the 2001 almond pollination.

DELAWARE: Days suitable for fieldwork 5.5. Topsoil 2% very short, 42% short, 54% adequate, 2% surplus. Subsoil moisture 2% very short, 24% short, 74% adequate. Soybeans 84% harvested, 83% 1999, 78% avg. Barley 32% fair, 57% good, 11% excellent. Winter Wheat 31% fair, 60% good, 9% excellent. 84% planted, 94% 1999, 91% avg. Rye 20% fair, 73% good, 7% excellent, 92% planted, 96% 1999, 93% avg. Pasture feed 7% poor, 39% fair, 52% good, 2% excellent. Hay supplies 5% short, 95% adequate. Percent of cutting hay crop harvest; Alfalfa 75% 5th cutting cut, 72% 1999, 69% avg. Sunday and Monday were cool, dry, light shower Monday evening, then cold, sunny, low humidity through Friday. Rain Saturday night, Sunday morning, about 1.5 inches in Dover. Still soybeans to harvest, a field of corn here, there. Spreading lime, fall crop residues active where moisture available. Peanuts for nuts harvest complete. Producer harvesting continues. Vegetables available include snap beans, cucumbers, pickles, eggplant, endive, escarole, lettuce, okra, peppers, squash, strawberries, sweet corn, radishes, tomatoes.
watermelons. Generally cold and dry week in citrus belt with some areas receiving up to 1 in. of badly needed rainfall at week’s end. Temperatures on 22nd not low enough long enough to cause damage to citrus. Caretakers irrigating to maintain good-tree condition, to increase fruit sizes. Lakes, ponds at low levels, more rain needed. Fresh fruit packers very busy, processors now taking field run fruit. Caretakers cutting cover crops, spraying, removing dead trees. A little hedging, topping. Pasture feed 5% very poor, 15% poor, 35% fair, 45% good. Cattle 5% poor, 50% fair, 45% good. Statewide condition of pastures, cattle improved. North. Panhandle: small grain forage received enough rain to grow, however, hard freeze reduced pasture feed. Central: hay supplies low; lakes, ponds low following prolonged drought. West Central: cattle feed decreased due to lack of good grass. Also, pasture feed reduced at mid-week by frost. Southwest: pastures mostly good, however, some locations have standing water from recent rains.

GEORGIA: Days suitable for field work 4.4. Soil moisture 5% very short, 16% short, 73% adequate, 6% surplus. Rye 84% planted, 87% 1999, 90% avg. Sorghum 92% harvested for grain, 94% 1999, 92% avg. Soybeans 73% harvested, 78% 1999, 74% avg. Other small grains 78% planted, 79% 1999, 82% avg. Onions 1% poor, 50% fair, 41% good, 8% excellent; 27% transplanted, 33% 1999, 41% avg. Pecans 68% harvested, 73% 1999, 70% avg. State received rain last week. Sleet, snow was reported in north state. Soil moisture levels have improved with 79% of the State rated adequate to surplus. Cotton harvest delayed due to rain early in week, quality has decreased. Some farmers in north state need a week without rain to complete cotton harvest. Small grain planting was active as weather permitted. Sorghum harvest was nearing completion. Winter wheat progress remained behind normal. Onion transplanting continued but lagged behind normal. Farmers were busy harvesting pecans. Harvesting, spraying of vegetables continued in south state. Carrot planting was nearly complete, the crop was off to a good start.

HAWAII: Generally fair weather for crop production occurred throughout the State. Partly cloudy to overcast skies, with trade wind shower activities. Gusty winds for much of the week. Big Island weather was overcast with some shower activities. East State banana orchards in poor to good condition. East State papaya orchards were in mostly fair to poor condition. Head cabbage fields were in mostly fair to good condition. Harvesting was light to moderate. Ginger plantings were in fair to good condition. Field activities limited due to soggy condition.

IDAHO: Days suitable for field work 3.1. Topsoil 10% short, 77% adequate, 13% surplus. Farm activities have been minimized by early snow, freezing weather throughout the state. Corn harvested 67% for grain, 85% 1999, 79% avg. Sugar beets 98% harvested, 100% 1999, 100% avg. Winter wheat 92% emerged, 91% 1999, 94% avg. Activities: Caring for livestock, machinery maintenance, harvesting sugar beets, corn for grain.

ILLINOIS: NO DATA AVAILABLE

INDIANA: Days suitable for fieldwork 5.6. Topsoil 2% very short, 7% short, 78% adequate, 13% surplus. Subsoil 8% very short, 17% short, 65% adequate, 10% surplus. Cold weather during the week. Weekend showers halted field activities, most areas. Precipitation averaged 0 to 1.35 inches. Temperatures averaged 7 to 12 below normal. Isolated corn, double crop soybean fields still being harvested. Tillage of soils continued, isolated areas. Winter wheat virtually all emerged. Winter wheat 78% good to excellent. Tobacco sales underway. Applying fertilizer, nitrogen continued, some areas. Pastures look good, southern areas. Livestock are in mostly good condition. Major activities: Hauling grain, chisel plowing, spreading fertilizer, lime, equipment cleaning and repair, tiling fields, record keeping, feeding hay, hauling manure, feeding hay and caring for livestock.

IOWA: Another week of cold temperatures, snow cover in northern state, the Thanksgiving holiday greatly reduced work completed on farms. Fieldwork has ended for the year in most areas of the state, but livestock farms were busy with the usual chores. Operations are making winter preparations, starting end-of-the-year bookkeeping duties.

KANSAS: Days suitable for fieldwork 4.8. Topsoil 3% very short, 15% short, 80% adequate, 2% surplus. Subsoil moisture 16% very short, 35% short, 48% adequate, 1% surplus. Sorghum grain harvest complete. Soybeans 99% harvested, 100% 1999, 97% avg. Winter wheat 98% seeding, 100% 1999, 98% avg. 92% Emerged, 93% 1999, 96% avg. Last seeded emerging slowly, colder temps. Pastured 7%, 9% 1999, 8% avg. Sunflowers 98% harvested, finished this time 1999.

KENTUCKY: Some areas saw their first snow for the season at the beginning of the week. The measurable amounts were very small with most people just seeing a few flakes falling. There was also precipitation across most of the State at the end of the week in the form of rain which limited the clean up of corn, soybean harvests. Below normal temperatures continued with a slight warming trend at the end of the week. Topsoil, subsoil moisture mostly adequate to short. Wheat seeding virtually complete, emerged generally good to fair condition. The increased humidity helped bring tobacco into case for stripping. The 2000-2001 Burley tobacco marketing season got under way Monday, November 20. Desirability of offerings was good, nearly all bid averages were higher than last season’s opening week. Quality of sales was slightly lower, volume was moderate, loan receipts were fairly low. Due to Thanksgiving, sales were held three days last week, but will resume on Monday, November 27, 2000. Around 14% of the effective quota of 361.9 million pounds has been sold at auction. This week’s state gross auction sales totaled 34,274,948 pounds, averaged $196.04 per hundred out of 50,678,304 pounds at $195.78 for the Belt. Burley Belt resales this week amounted to 1,579,721 pounds, producing a net figure of 49,098,583 pounds sold. Tobacco contracted directly from growers reported through November 22, amounted to 31.6 million pounds, averaged $197.59 per hundred. Cattle good condition. Some supplemental feeding with declining pastures.

LOUISIANA: Days suitable for fieldwork 2.0. Soil moisture 51% adequate, 49% surplus. Pecans 52% harvested, 75% 1999, 70% avg. Sugarcane 2% very poor, 33% poor, 20% fair, 34% good, 3% excellent; 64% harvested, 59% 1999, 58% avg. Muddy conditions slowed sugarcane harvest. Sweet Potatoes 96% harvested. 100% 1999, 97% avg. Sweet potato harvest was halted due to the wet conditions. Wheat 1% poor, 22% fair, 56% good, 21% excellent; 85% planted, 96% 1999, 90% avg.; 79% emerged, 89% 1999, 82% avg. Livestock 4% very poor, 15% poor, 41% fair, 28% good, 12% excellent. Vegetables 14% very poor, 24% poor, 41% fair, 16% good, 5% excellent. Pasture 22% very poor, 34% poor, 23% fair, 10% good, 11% excellent.

MARYLAND: Days suitable for fieldwork 5.9. Topsoil 4% very short, 28% short, 62% adequate, 6% surplus. Subsoil moisture 4% very short, 26% short, 67% adequate; Soybeans 88% harvested; 92% 1999, 88% avg. Tobacco 35% stripped, 27% 1999, 30% avg. Pasture feed 1% very poor, 8% poor, 36% fair, 51% good, 4% excellent. Barley 1% very poor, 4% poor, 37% fair, 57% good, 1% excellent. Winter Wheat 1% very poor, 3% poor, 34% fair, 61% good, 1% excellent, 95% planted, 96% 1999, 96% avg. Rye 2% poor, 15% fair, 76% good, 7% excellent, 92% planted, 95% 1999, 97% avg. All hay supplies 1% very short, 3% short, 82% adequate, 14% surplus. Percent of cutting hay crop harvested; Alfalfa 90% 5th cutting cut, 94% 1999, 82% avg. Rains are helping the small grains, pasture feeds, but slowing harvesting activities. The lack of storage experienced recently has also hindered harvesting, especially soybeans. Farmers resorted to storing corn, soybeans outside due to the delays at the elevators.

MICHIGAN: Days suitable for fieldwork 3.0. Topsoil 1% very short, 6% short, 79% adequate, 14% surplus. Subsoil 4% very short, 15% short, 72% adequate, 9% surplus. Corn 90% harvested, 99% 1999, 92% avg. Temperatures remained below normal, rain, snow slowed harvest progress. District precipitation totals for week ranged from 0.19 inches Central Lower Peninsula to 0.80 inches Southwest Lower Peninsula. Temperatures 5 to 9° below normal statewide. Rain, snow last week stalled harvest, tillage. Corn harvest delayed due to snowfall earlier, rain later week, which left standing water a number of fields. Winter wheat crops planted earlier looked good despite cool, wet weather.
MINNESOTA: Light precipitation fell in the northwestern, central portions of the state. Surplus moisture conditions continue in the northwest. Areas in the central part of the state which were dry until November now have surplus moisture. Average temperatures for the week were 6.8° below normal. Pastured cattle have been brought in, and now on feed. Due to the in-between temperatures, cattle pneumonia is becoming a concern of some producers.

MISSISSIPPI: Days suitable for fieldwork 2.0. Soil moisture 1% very short, 18% short, 65% adequate, 16% surplus. Cotton harvested 10%. Cotton harvest slowed this past week but remains several days ahead of the 5-yr avg. The focus was on soybeans as farmers made good advancements in harvest, are currently about a week ahead of schedule. Good progress was also made in small grain planting, with all nearing completion except wheat, which is at 80% planted. Concerns about small grain emergence have subsided with the recent improvement in soil moisture. Other activities include: Sorghum harvest, tending livestock, repairing equipment, continued Christmas tree activities including cutting, making wreaths, roping for decoration. Burlery tobacco markets are now in full swing, burlery grading continues.

MONTANA: Days suitable for fieldwork 2.4. Topsoil 15% very short, 42% short, 43% adequate, 0% surplus. Subsoil moisture 33% very short, 51% short, 16% adequate, 0% surplus. Wind damage to winter wheat 48% none, 40% light, 9% moderate, 3% heavy. Winter wheat protectiveness of snow cover 16% very poor, 29% poor, 19% fair, 36% good, 0% excellent. Livestock grazing 33% open, 40% difficult, 27% closed. Producers are getting equipment ready for winter. Pasture shortages, snow cover have ranchers feeding more hay then usual for this time of year. Hay continues to be hauled into a number of areas throughout the state.

NEBRASKA: Temperatures for the week averaged two to 15° below normals with virtually no precipitation. Wheat 4% poor, 30% fair, 56% good, 10% excellent. Less than 1% of corn yet to be harvested. Cattle on harvested stalk fields, supplemental feeding necessary in some locations.

NEVADA: DATA NOT AVAILABLE

NEW ENGLAND: DATA NOT AVAILABLE

NEW JERSEY: DATA NOT AVAILABLE

NEW MEXICO: Days suitable for field work 6. Topsoil 3% very short, 25% short, 68% adequate, 4% surplus. Temperatures were a bit below normal at most locations during the week. The statewide average was 3° below normal. The most significant precipitation fell on Thanksgiving day with a winter storm that moved through the state. Most of the precipitation fell in a 100 mile wide band from north of Gallup to Moriarty. Farmers spent the week trying to finish up harvest, getting ready for winter. Sorghum 54% very poor16% poor, 23% fair, 6% good; 99% seed bed prepared, 98% last week, 97% 1999, 95% avg. Bareroot digging of plants by nurseries starting to wind down.

NEW YORK: Days suitable 3.0. Soil moisture 100% adequate. Snow, cold weather limited outside activities, made tending livestock difficult. Some corn for grain still standing. Producers busy with routine maintenance, attending meetings, deer hunting.

NORTH CAROLINA: Days suitable for fieldwork 4.3. down slightly from last week’s 4.8. Precipitation in the form of snow, rain fell across most of state during the past week. The wet weather combined with below average temperatures hampered late season harvest activities. Even with the measurable precipitation over the past two weeks, most areas are still well below normal the fall. Indicative of the recent weather, Statewide, the precipitation over the last two weeks has dramatically improved soil moisture levels to their current ratings of 3% very short, 17% short, 70% adequate, 10% surplus. Cotton harvest slowed this past week but remains several days ahead of the 5-yr avg. The focus was on soybeans as farmers made good advancements in harvest, are currently about a week ahead of schedule. Good progress was also made in small grain planting, with all nearing completion except wheat, which is at 80% planted. Concerns about small grain emergence have subsided with the recent improvement in soil moisture. Other activities include: Sorghum harvest, tending livestock, repairing equipment, continued Christmas tree activities including cutting, making wreaths, roping for decoration. Burlery tobacco markets are now in full swing, burlery grading continues.

OKLAHOMA: Days suitable for fieldwork 4.2. Topsoil 4% short, 72% adequate, 24% surplus. Subsoil moisture 1% very short, 10% short, 79% adequate, 10% surplus. Oats 16% very poor, 12% poor, 48% fair, 24% good; 95% seed bed prepared, 93% last week, 100% 1999, 100% avg.; 50% planted, 47% last week, 82% 1999, 87% avg.; 46% emerged, 44% last week, 55% 1999, 70% avg. Rye 7% very poor, 6% poor, 26% fair, 61% good; 99% seed bed prepared, 98% last week, 100% 1999, 100% avg.; 91% planted, 84% last week, 100% 1999, 70% avg.; 83% emerged, 77% last week, 97% 1999, 94% avg. Sorghum 88% harvested, 85% last week, 96% 1999, 91% avg. Soybeans 95% harvested, 92% last week, 96% 1999, 89% avg. Peanuts 82% combined, 69% last week, 98% 1999, 92% avg. Alfalfa Hay 9% very poor, 14% poor, 46% fair, 29% good, 2% excellent; 62% 5th cutting, 58% last week, 47% 1999, 70% avg. Other Hay 19% very poor, 21% poor, 40% fair, 19% good, 1% excellent; 90% 2nd cutting, 87% last week, 99% 1999, 95% avg. Livestock 1% very poor, 7% poor, 31% fair, 58% good, 3% excellent; Cattle auctions reported below average for the week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

OREGON: Activities: Fall digging, shipping of baled, burlapped plants ongoing. Bareroot digging of plants by nurseries starting to wind down. Easter lily growers prepared fields, equipment for winter. Cranberry harvest almost finished except for a few beds. Fall planted pastures improved. Live stock reported in good condition throughout state. Fall calving underway. Some calves shipped to feedlots while late calves being sold. Cattle, sheep moved to winter pastures. Cattle continue to be fed. Preparing for winter activities such as cleaning out the barns, mending fences.

PENNSYLVANIA: Days suitable for field work 3.9. Soil moisture 10% very short, 14% short, 63% adequate, 13% surplus. Fall 94% plowing, 91% 1999, 91% avg. Corn 85% harvested, 92% 1999, 88% avg. Winter wheat 96% emerged complete, 97% 1999, average not available.
Soybeans harvested 97%, 95% 1999, 91% avg. Activities include harvesting corn, soybeans; machinery maintenance; storing equipment; spreading lime, fertilizers; hauling, spreading manure; caring for livestock; hunting for bear; fixing fences; cleaning; fall plowing; seeding fall crops; attending annual farm group meetings.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Days suitable for field work 4.7. Soil moisture 10% very short, 28% short, 52% adequate, 10% surplus. Barley 98% planted, 94% 1999, 93% avg.; 86% emerged, 77% 1999, 84% avg.; 34% fair, 66% good. Cotton 92% harvested, 90% 1999, 87% avg. Livestock 4% poor, 27% fair, 57% good, 12% excellent. Oats 76% planted, 93% 1999, 91% avg.; 64% emerged, 78% 1999, 81% avg.; 17% poor, 53% fair, 30% good. Peanuts 100% harvested, 98% 1999, 99% avg. Pecans 61% harvested, 53% 1999, 59% avg.; 30% poor, 54% fair, 16% good. Rye 83% planted, 92% 1999, 88% avg.; 67% emerged, 84% 1999, 76% avg.; 1% very poor, 10% poor, 75% fair, 14% good. Sorghum 98% harvested, 94% 1999, 95% avg. Soybeans 100% harvested, 97% 1999, 99% avg.; 99% matured, 90% 1999, 95% avg.; 67% harvested, 66% 1999, 61% avg.; 4% very poor, 12% poor, 44% fair, 38% good, 2% excellent. Sweet potatoes 100% harvested, 99% 1999, 93% avg. Winter Grazing 88% planted, 94% 1999, 93% avg.; 77% emerged, 88% 1999, 86% avg.; 8% very poor, 20% poor, 48% fair, 23% good, 1% excellent. Winter Wheat 45% planted, 57% 1999, 56% avg.; 32% emerged, 39% 1999, 39% avg.; 8% poor, 38% fair, 54% good.

SOUTH DAKOTA: Only trace precipitation was received last week as bright sunshine was the general rule. Temperatures were near normal in the west, as much as 15° below normal in the east, which still has significant snow cover. Corn, Sunflower harvest, nearly complete, remains stalled until favorable weather improves conditions.

TEXAS: Nigh time temperatures remained cold, but drying conditions continued across most areas of the Plains which allowed harvest of remaining crops to continue. Land preparation for 2001 crops also escalated as growers took advantage of the dryer conditions. In most areas out door activities were delayed until mid day as heavy frost or due kept moisture levels high in early morning. Land preparation, planting of small grains remained stalled in southern areas as cloudy conditions, rain showers continued. Runoff continued in areas where rains fell, however some areas of the Lower Valley are still in need of adequate moisture. Emergence of earlier planted small grains continued, however grazing activities remained limited as more drying is needed. The rainfall continued to aid the growth of cool season forages, but supplemental feeding continued in most areas across the state. Field Crops: Small Grains: Planting of wheat continued in isolated areas of the Plains, however temperatures were generally too cold for immediate emergence. In other areas planting continued to be on hold as soil moisture remained to high for seeding. The cold temperatures on the Plains slowed emergence of earlier planted fields, more sunshine will be needed before adequate growth can occur in most areas of the state. Wheat 74% of normal comparable with 46% 1999. Cotton: Dryer conditions permitted harvest on the Plains and Trans Pecos areas to continue. Yield and grade reduction continued to, noticed as a result of the recent rains. Some gins that were temporarily closed have reopened. Rice: Harvest of the remaining ratoon crop remained generally stalled as wet conditions continued. Sorghum: Harvest of remaining sorghum continued to move ahead slowly on the Plains as weather conditions permitted. The prolonged wet conditions damaged some remaining sorghum to the point that harvest may not be worth while. Sorghum Harvested, 98% Published Acres 1999 97% Average. Peanuts: Harvest continued in areas of the Plains, but remained generally stalled in other areas as soil conditions remained wet. Grade, yield have been effected in all areas. Soybeans: Harvest of remaining beans near completion across the Plains. Commercial Vegetables, Fruit and Pecans. Rio Grande Valley, Progress for spinach, onions, carrots continued, harvest for turnips, cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers made good progress. San Antonio- Winter Garden, planting continued for onions, cabbages. Cauliflower continued to make good progress, harvest moved forward for turnips, cucumbers. East State, Fall planting, land preparation continued to be slowed as conditions were generally wet across the region. High Plains, land preparation moved ahead as dryer conditions were experienced across the region. Trans Pecos, harvest for chili peppers was mostly completed, onion planting continued. Land preparation moved ahead as dryer conditions were experienced. Pecans: Harvest activities moved ahead on the Plains, Trans Pecos, but remained slowed in most other areas as wet conditions continued. Sprouting remained a problem in the wetter areas. Range, Livestock: Recent growth of cool season forages have improved the pasture feeds in most areas of the state, however colder temperatures have slowed growth, supplemental feeding increased in some areas. Wheat pasture remained limited for most producers, hay supplies became harder to find in some areas. Herd replacement continued where winter forage was available.

UTAH: Days suitable for field work 4. Corn 85% harvested for grain, 100% 1999, 95% avg. Topsoil 1% very short, 4% short, 82% adequate, 13% surplus. Major farm, ranch activities included: Finishing up corn for grain harvest, plowing fields. Freezing temperatures, precipitation have halted field work in some areas. Early snows, wet weather have hampered cattle movement but are providing needed moisture.

WISCONSIN: DATA NOT AVAILABLE