

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 27, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Harvest activities and fieldwork continued across the State last week where conditions allowed, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Statewide, topsoil moisture was reported as 47 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 46 percent last week, and 19 percent last year, while 41 percent of the pastures and ranges were reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 49 percent last week, and 22 percent last year. Comments from reporters noted dry weather, wind, and drought conditions remained the primary producer concerns. Cotton harvest made progress last week at 60 percent complete, compared to 62 percent last year. Comments from Union County noted sorghum with poor yields are still unharvested and range conditions are typical for this time year. Wet snows over the weekend were reported in eastern counties. Converted moisture totals during the past week ranged from little to no precipitation in most of the State except the southeastern counties. Accumulations were mostly noted in southern and eastern counties. With some reduction of drought noted compared to one month ago, isolated areas in a few counties continued to register yearly rainfall accumulation at or below 50 percent of normal. Conversely, yearly precipitation for an area centered over portions of Catron, Cibola, and Socorro Counties totaled 200 percent of normal or more. According to the United States Drought Monitor for November 22, exceptional drought (D4) continued its hold across a portion of land in Union County. Extreme drought (D3) was noted across 4.7 percent of the State, severe drought (D2) covered 15.6 percent, moderate drought (D1) covered 21.8 percent, and abnormal dryness (D0) covered 50.9 percent. Drought-free conditions covered 6.8 percent of the State, unchanged from a week ago. No hail damage in crops was reported. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 3 percent light. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 11 percent very short, 27 percent short, and 62 percent adequate, compared with 8 percent very short, 31 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 10 percent very short, 30 percent short, and 60 percent adequate, compared with 19 percent very short, 36 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last year.

Note: This report concludes the weekly crop progress report for 2022. Next year’s New Mexico weekly report will begin in April 2023.

Monthly reports will be released for December on January 3, 2023; for January on January 30, 2023; for February on February 27, 2023; and for March on March 27, 2023.

Our thanks to the weekly reporters for providing crop progress observations during the 2022 season.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn				
Harvested for grain	70	50	84	NA
Cotton				
Harvested	60	48	62	NA
Onions				
Planted	87	85	NA	NA
Emerged	50	31	NA	NA
Peanuts				
Harvested	92	84	NA	NA
Pecans				
Harvested	36	23	29	NA
Winter wheat				
Emerged	98	97	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	47	47	42	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	42	39	59	NA

NA – not available
(-) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.5	6.7	6.6	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	17	20	40	NA
Short	36	34	41	NA
Adequate	44	45	17	NA
Surplus	3	1	2	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	21	24	41	NA
Short	40	36	42	NA
Adequate	39	40	16	NA
Surplus	--	--	1	NA

NA – not available
(-) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Very poor.....	5	5	NA	NA
Poor	24	23	NA	NA
Fair	40	41	NA	NA
Good	26	27	NA	NA
Excellent.....	5	4	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	5	3	22	NA
Poor	20	17	23	NA
Fair	34	31	33	NA
Good	23	29	18	NA
Excellent.....	18	20	4	NA
Pecans				
Very poor.....	1	--	17	NA
Poor	1	3	16	NA
Fair	1	3	7	NA
Good	37	40	50	NA
Excellent.....	60	54	10	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	1	9	NA
Poor	2	2	15	NA
Fair	44	44	23	NA
Good	35	42	31	NA
Excellent.....	18	11	22	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	1	5	NA
Poor	5	5	9	NA
Fair	29	25	34	NA
Good	38	39	35	NA
Excellent.....	27	30	17	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	13	NA
Poor	6	9	8	NA
Fair	30	32	38	NA
Good	52	44	39	NA
Excellent.....	12	15	2	NA
NA – not available				
(--)-- – zero				