

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Although most weather stations reported measurable moisture during the week, total accumulations recorded were below normal in all locations except Albuquerque and Ocate, which allowed producers 7 days suitable for fieldwork, compared with 4.2 last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Ocate, at 0.87 inch, noted the largest accumulation during the week. Comments from several counties indicated that warm temperatures and limited rainfall provided beneficial growing conditions for row crops, and excellent seeding conditions for growers planting winter wheat acreage for harvest next year. The chile and corn silage harvests jumped forward, with producers harvesting 16 percent of each crop during the week. Statewide, topsoil moisture levels were reported as 77 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 85 percent last week, 41 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 34 percent. Following the decline in available soil moisture, pasture conditions dropped somewhat, with 40 percent reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 46 percent last week, 30 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 25 percent. Average temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below to 7 degrees above normal. Daytime highs varied from 75 degrees at Angel Fire and Cloudcroft to 97 degrees at Redrock. Overnight lows ranged from 34 degrees at Angel Fire to 62 degrees at NMSU, Santa Teresa, and Truth or Consequences. Pecan nut set was reported as 53 percent moderate and 47 percent light, compared with 4 percent heavy, 51 percent moderate, and 45 percent light last week. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent severe, 8 percent moderate, and 9 percent light, compared with 3 percent severe, 6 percent moderate, and 7 percent light last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 5 percent severe, 6 percent moderate, and 18 percent light, compared with 2 percent severe, 2 percent moderate, and 16 percent light last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 3 percent very short, 17 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared with 2 percent very short, 18 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
4 th cutting harvested.....	78	75	74	87
5 th cutting harvested.....	42	37	43	46
6 th cutting harvested.....	8	3	--	1
Chile				
Green harvested.....	64	48	61	57
Corn				
Dough.....	62	52	75	72
Dented.....	32	21	30	34
Mature.....	1	NA	--	NA
Corn harvested for silage.....	33	17	40	41
Cotton				
Setting bolls.....	81	73	92	89
Bolls opening.....	9	5	52	25
Sorghum				
Headed.....	72	57	80	72
Coloring.....	53	33	36	18
Mature.....	2	--	5	1
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	23	3	5	5
NA – not available (--) – zero				

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	7.0	4.2	3.7	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	3	8	29
Short.....	19	12	51	37
Adequate.....	68	73	36	32
Surplus.....	9	12	5	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	3	1	8	NA
Short.....	22	18	32	NA
Adequate.....	65	74	58	NA
Surplus.....	10	7	2	NA
NA – not available (--) – zero				

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	2
Poor.....	17	14	4	7
Fair.....	14	15	42	27
Good	51	60	45	52
Excellent	17	10	9	9
Corn				
Very poor.....	5	4	2	1
Poor.....	6	4	3	3
Fair.....	27	27	31	29
Good	47	43	46	45
Excellent	15	22	18	22
Cotton				
Very poor.....	3	1	3	2
Poor.....	4	8	25	13
Fair.....	35	44	32	33
Good	40	38	33	37
Excellent	18	9	7	15
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	2	2	24
Poor.....	22	21	22	23
Fair.....	37	31	46	28
Good	34	36	26	21
Excellent	6	10	4	4
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	5
Poor.....	4	4	4	15
Fair.....	66	57	73	64
Good	30	39	23	15
Excellent	--	--	--	1
Pecan				
Very poor.....	--	3	--	--
Poor.....	3	4	--	--
Fair.....	3	5	9	19
Good	70	69	53	58
Excellent	24	19	38	23
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	8	4	--	7
Poor.....	1	2	2	9
Fair.....	48	41	75	38
Good	38	39	22	42
Excellent	5	14	1	4
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	1	2	NA
Poor.....	1	1	4	NA
Fair.....	36	30	37	NA
Good	56	56	52	NA
Excellent	7	12	5	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	1	3	12	NA
Poor.....	2	5	12	NA
Fair.....	22	25	17	NA
Good	65	59	53	NA
Excellent.....	10	8	6	NA

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 (--) – zero

New Mexico’s weather data can be accessed at the following:
http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/NM_Weather_09032017.pdf