

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 6, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Precipitation was received over portions of western and northern New Mexico during the week, with heavier accumulations concentrated over northwestern counties, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Statewide, topsoil moisture was reported as 49 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 46 percent last week, 20 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 45 percent, while 49 percent of the pastures and ranges were reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 45 percent last week, 23 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 24 percent. Comments from reporters noted mountain ranges received snow last week. Corn for grain harvest progressed, but remained behind average at 18 percent harvested, compared with 43 percent last year and a 5-year average of 51 percent. Sorghum harvest continued last week amidst cooler temperatures and windy conditions, according to county reports. Livestock producers were also moving cattle to corn stalks. Freezing temperatures were noted in Dona Ana County. Converted moisture totals during the past week ranged from approximately 1.5 inches in a few isolated areas to only a trace or none across large portions of the State. The heaviest accumulations were noted in San Juan, Rio Arriba, Taos, and McKinley Counties. Areas in western New Mexico saw weekly accumulations ranging from 0.1 to 1.5 inches. Most counties in central and eastern New Mexico remained dry. With some reduction of drought noted, isolated areas in a few counties continued to register yearly rainfall accumulation at or below 25 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 1, 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, down 2.1 percentage points from last week, severe drought (D2) covered 15.5 percent, up 1 percentage point from a week ago, while moderate drought (D1) decreased 2.8 percentage points to 21.8 percent. Abnormally dryness (D0) continued to expand, with 51.0 percent of New Mexico classified in the category, up 2 percentage points from last week. Drought-free conditions covered 6.8 percent of the State, up 1.9 percentage points from a week ago. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 2 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 2 percent light and 1 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 14 percent very short, 26 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 11 percent very short, 30 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 13 percent very short, 31 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared with 18 percent very short, 31 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last year.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
6 th cutting harvested	82	68	63	NA
Chile				
Red harvested	84	81	80	71
Corn				
Mature	93	87	NA	NA
Harvested for grain	18	15	43	51
Harvested for silage	92	88	NA	NA
Cotton				
Bolls opening	86	77	91	NA
Harvested	25	11	18	31
Onions				
Planted	60	57	NA	NA
Emerged	16	9	NA	NA
Peanuts				
Harvested	76	55	75	72
Pecans				
Harvested	11	9	4	7
Winter wheat				
Emerged	91	80	90	NA
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	43	48	34	51
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	26	31	51	54

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.....	6.4	6.5	6.7	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	12	20	39	21
Short	39	34	41	34
Adequate	45	42	18	43
Surplus	4	4	2	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	14	15	40	22
Short	46	41	40	38
Adequate	38	42	19	39
Surplus	2	2	1	1

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	2	--	NA
Poor	3	2	3	NA
Fair	7	5	44	NA
Good	40	44	34	NA
Excellent.....	50	47	19	NA
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	3	--	3
Poor	15	21	17	16
Fair	38	37	38	43
Good	32	29	41	32
Excellent.....	15	10	4	6
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	2	4	18	10
Poor	17	24	19	27
Fair	32	27	40	39
Good	40	36	17	18
Excellent.....	9	9	6	6
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	10	2
Poor	3	3	12	4
Fair	3	3	6	10
Good	37	37	66	59
Excellent.....	57	57	6	25
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	1	3	1
Poor	--	5	12	20
Fair	43	48	20	23
Good	44	31	42	36
Excellent.....	13	15	23	20
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	3	5	3
Poor	3	6	8	8
Fair	32	31	26	32
Good	49	43	42	41
Excellent.....	15	17	19	16
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	5	9	5
Poor	1	7	12	11
Fair	19	27	27	36
Good	54	52	47	47
Excellent.....	26	9	5	1
NA – not available				
(--) – zero				