

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 3, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Despite fewer days available for field and ranch work due to cooler temperatures and above average rainfall, producers across the State remained busy harvesting crops, seeding wheat, and shipping calves during the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Alfalfa hay harvest remained behind both last year and normal. Comments from Curry County noted that calves were being marketed at an increased level. With most progress limited to Lea County, growers began harvesting peanuts during the week, ahead of last year’s pace but virtually on par with normal. Green chile harvest was nearing completion, as red chile harvest gained speed. Statewide, 33 percent of the State’s pastures and rangelands were reported in very poor or poor condition, compared with 46 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 35 percent. During the past week, converted moisture totals ranged from about 3 inches in a few isolated locations spread across northern New Mexico to merely a trace. Much of the State saw roughly 1 inch. According to the United States Drought Monitor for September 28, drought-free conditions existed across an area equal to 10.7 percent of the State, while abnormal dryness covered 9.8 percent. Moderate drought (D1) decreased slightly to 30.1 percent. Severe drought (D2) increased to cover 30.2 percent of New Mexico. Extreme (D3) drought persisted across 19.1 percent of the State. The State remained free of exceptional drought (D4). Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 68 percent short to very short, compared with 90 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 54 percent. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent light and 2 percent moderate. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 8 percent light and 2 percent moderate. Pecan nut set was reported as 6 percent light, 88 percent moderate, and 6 percent heavy. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 11 percent very short, 28 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus, compared with 10 percent very short, 35 percent short, and 55 percent adequate last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 12 percent very short, 30 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 17 percent very short, 41 percent short, and 42 percent adequate last year.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
5 th cutting harvested	54	45	65	80
Chile				
Green harvested.....	93	88	91	92
Red harvested.....	20	10	29	18
Corn				
Dented	95	91	82	83
Mature	74	59	61	60
Harvested for grain.....	1	--	5	3
Harvested for silage.....	84	75	81	77
Cotton				
Bolls opening	34	22	42	57
Peanuts				
Harvested.....	3	--	--	4
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	83	65	73	80
Emerged	65	45	45	51
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	28	30	73	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	40	45	76	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	5.9	6.6	6.8	5.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	33	34	40	17
Short.....	35	39	50	37
Adequate	28	23	10	42
Surplus	4	4	--	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	40	40	54	23
Short.....	35	37	35	33
Adequate	22	20	11	43
Surplus	3	3	--	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)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	3	3	1	4
Poor	6	10	2	9
Fair.....	38	36	26	26
Good	36	29	51	50
Excellent	17	22	20	11
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor	4	4	4	4
Fair.....	37	40	28	30
Good	31	33	23	41
Excellent	28	23	44	24
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	6	2
Poor	17	19	22	15
Fair.....	40	42	52	41
Good	39	35	17	35
Excellent	4	4	3	7
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	11	9	20	12
Poor	22	28	26	23
Fair.....	46	50	35	37
Good	16	13	13	22
Excellent	5	--	6	6
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	--	5	1
Poor	8	9	20	12
Fair.....	33	32	32	57
Good	59	59	43	30
Excellent	--	--	--	--
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor	5	7	5	2
Fair.....	6	10	38	10
Good	88	83	57	63
Excellent	1	--	--	25
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	NA	--	NA
Poor	2	NA	66	NA
Fair.....	21	NA	24	NA
Good	53	NA	4	NA
Excellent	23	NA	6	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	3	5	5	2
Poor	9	7	10	8
Fair.....	30	33	45	36
Good	38	37	30	43
Excellent	20	18	10	11
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	10	12	29	13
Poor	12	7	9	10
Fair.....	39	45	20	25
Good	39	36	40	47
Excellent	--	--	2	5
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