

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 2, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: While above average temperatures prevailed across much of the northern half of the State, many locations in the south were cooler than normal during the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Precipitation tapered off at many northern weather stations. Topsoil moisture levels dropped slightly, with conditions now rated 41 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 42 percent last week, 49 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 32 percent. The largest rainfall accumulation was reported at Redrock where 2.02 inches fell. Additionally, Gila Hot Spring, NMSU, Quemado, and Santa Teresa recorded rainfall of at least 1 inch. Average temperatures varied from 6 degrees below to 7 degrees above normal. Daytime highs ranged from 69 degrees at Cloudcroft to 89 degrees at Los Lunas. Overnight lows varied from 22 degrees at Chama to 54 degrees at NMSU. The first light frost was reported in Rio Arriba County. In Union County, producers were busy shipping yearling cattle; however, with low market prices and lower prices for grains, some ranchers were opting to feed their cattle in hopes of an uptick in the market. Reports from several counties indicated that the recently seeded winter wheat crop was emerging well, and in good condition. In Curry County, comments suggest that the corn crop will only be harvested for silage. The cabbage crop in Dona Ana County was maturing well. Additional comments from Dona Ana County indicated that recently harvested alfalfa hay was not yielding well. Pecan nut set was reported as 20 percent light, 45 percent moderate, and 35 percent heavy. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light and 1 percent severe. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 32 percent light, 5 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Stock water supplies were reported as 5 percent very short, 20 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
5 th cutting harvested.....	85	70	87	91
6 th cutting harvested.....	37	31	33	41
Chile				
Green harvested	95	90	95	95
Red harvested	26	18	20	4
Corn				
Dough	96	94	99	100
Dented	81	77	86	92
Mature	53	40	40	59
Harvested for silage.....	70	56	83	81
Cotton				
Bolls opening	70	65	72	66
Peanuts				
Harvested.....	5	--	20	11
Sorghum				
Coloring	78	60	84	67
Mature	23	17	26	13
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	65	55	38	61
Emerged	30	20	17	26

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	6.7	5.5	6.3	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	8	8	13	34
Short	51	50	38	34
Adequate	38	40	47	31
Surplus	3	2	2	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	8	8	9	NA
Short	29	28	34	NA
Adequate	62	63	56	NA
Surplus	1	1	1	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	--	--	--	5
Poor.....	3	3	3	7
Fair.....	42	42	27	31
Good	46	46	43	48
Excellent	9	9	27	9
Corn				
Very poor	2	2	--	3
Poor.....	2	2	--	10
Fair.....	29	30	12	33
Good	49	48	51	33
Excellent	18	18	37	21
Cotton				
Very poor	3	3	--	4
Poor.....	26	26	3	17
Fair.....	34	34	23	33
Good	31	30	64	28
Excellent	6	7	10	18
Pasture and range				
Very poor	2	2	4	28
Poor.....	20	20	7	23
Fair.....	44	44	34	27
Good	29	29	44	17
Excellent	5	5	11	5
Peanut				
Very poor	1	1	--	5
Poor.....	5	5	--	22
Fair.....	66	66	69	63
Good	28	28	28	9
Excellent	--	--	3	1
Pecan				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	3	--	--	1
Fair.....	9	6	13	19
Good	45	42	77	56
Excellent	43	52	10	24
Sorghum				
Very poor	--	--	--	19
Poor.....	4	4	1	9
Fair.....	73	73	10	27
Good	22	22	84	39
Excellent	1	1	5	6
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	2	2	1	NA
Poor.....	4	4	2	NA
Fair.....	34	35	24	NA
Good	52	53	66	NA
Excellent	8	6	7	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	12	12	15	NA
Poor.....	12	13	15	NA
Fair.....	15	15	15	NA
Good	53	53	52	NA
Excellent	8	7	3	NA

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