

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Above average temperatures and little to no rainfall were the norms across much of New Mexico during the week. Daytime highs ranged from 79 degrees at Eagle Nest to 100 degrees in Tucumcari. Overnight lows varied by 30 degrees, from 34 degrees at Eagle Nest and El Vado Dam to 64 degrees in Santa Teresa and at NMSU. Although moisture was reported at 32 out of 45 weather stations, precipitation totals were limited to less than one inch. Statewide, most crops continue to be rated in good to excellent condition. While most southern counties were busy harvesting the fourth or fifth cutting of alfalfa, portions of the northwest were just beginning the third cutting as grasshoppers and hail have caused delays. Some cattle producers were weaning and selling calves earlier than normal due to fluctuating market prices. Pecan nut set was reported as 8 percent heavy and 92 percent moderate. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 4 percent light and 4 percent moderate. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light and 2 percent moderate. Stock water supplies were reported as 5 percent very short, 20 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
4 th cutting harvested.....	95	90	99	98
5 th cutting harvested.....	55	43	62	69
6 th cutting harvested.....	5	NA	13	14
Chile				
Green harvested	88	73	73	79
Red harvested	1	NA	NA	NA
Corn				
Dough.....	90	79	89	95
Dented	55	30	67	70
Mature	10	NA	29	22
Harvested for silage.....	60	54	48	53
Cotton				
Bolls opening	41	32	29	31
Fall lettuce				
Planted.....	90	88	NA	NA
Sorghum				
Headed	97	90	84	86
Coloring	35	19	35	30
Mature	2	--	--	1
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	7	5	24	30

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	7.0	6.4	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	15	15	31	35
Short	39	34	25	31
Adequate	45	49	43	31
Surplus	1	2	1	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	11	11	32	NA
Short	34	29	27	NA
Adequate	54	59	40	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				
Very poor	1	1	2	7
Poor.....	3	3	7	8
Fair.....	21	21	34	24
Good	45	49	46	55
Excellent	30	26	11	6
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	3	3
Poor.....	--	--	4	8
Fair.....	11	11	26	27
Good	51	51	34	39
Excellent	38	38	33	23
Cotton				
Very poor	--	--	--	4
Poor.....	--	--	4	15
Fair.....	23	23	51	34
Good	67	67	23	27
Excellent	10	10	22	20
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	4	4	18	31
Poor.....	6	5	23	25
Fair.....	32	31	37	24
Good	47	48	20	18
Excellent	11	12	2	2
Peanuts				
Very poor	--	--	3	5
Poor.....	--	--	20	20
Fair.....	68	68	71	54
Good	29	29	6	21
Excellent	3	3	--	--
Pecans				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	13	13	24	20
Good	77	77	60	53
Excellent	10	10	16	26
Sorghum				
Very poor	--	--	--	19
Poor.....	1	1	3	10
Fair.....	10	10	29	32
Good	85	85	62	34
Excellent	4	4	6	5
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	1	1	2	NA
Poor.....	2	2	10	NA
Fair.....	24	24	41	NA
Good	65	65	44	NA
Excellent	8	8	3	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	15	15	20	NA
Poor.....	15	15	23	NA
Fair.....	15	15	31	NA
Good	52	52	26	NA
Excellent	3	3	--	NA

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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/2015/NM_Weather_09132015.pdf