

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION  
WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 13, 2022

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Light precipitation was received over portions of northwestern New Mexico during the week, while other counties remained dry, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Statewide, topsoil moisture was reported as 48 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 49 percent last week, 21 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 41 percent, while 51 percent of the pastures and ranges were reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 49 percent last week, 26 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 24 percent. Comments from reporters noted little moisture was received and overnight low temperatures were cold. Corn for grain harvest progressed quickly amidst dry weather, but remained behind average at 35 percent harvested, compared with 58 percent last year and a 5-year average of 66 percent. Comments from Union County noted sorghum and millet harvest was nearly complete. Area livestock producers continued moving cattle to graze post-harvest residues. Converted moisture totals during the past week ranged from approximately 0.25 inches in a few isolated areas to only a trace or none across the rest of the State. Accumulations were noted in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and McKinley Counties. Most counties outside the northwest corner of New Mexico did not receive moisture. 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 8, 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, unchanged from last week, severe drought (D2) covered 15.6 percent, up 0.1 percentage points from a week ago, while moderate drought (D1) decreased 0.1 percentage points to 21.7 percent. Abnormal dryness (D0) was unchanged from last week, with 51.0 percent of New Mexico classified in the category. Drought-free conditions covered 6.8 percent of the State, unchanged from a week ago. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 2 percent light and 1 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 12 percent very short, 23 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared with 8 percent very short, 28 percent short, 54 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 11 percent very short, 25 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus, compared with 16 percent very short, 29 percent short, 54 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 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested .....	90	82	78	NA
Chile				
Red harvested .....	90	84	82	80
Corn				
Mature .....	97	93	NA	NA
Harvested for grain .....	35	18	58	66
Harvested for silage.....	96	92	NA	NA
Cotton				
Bolls opening .....	90	86	94	NA
Harvested .....	35	25	29	46
Onions				
Planted .....	80	60	NA	NA
Emerged .....	25	16	NA	NA
Peanuts				
Harvested .....	81	76	85	86
Pecans				
Harvested .....	16	11	19	13
Winter wheat				
Emerged .....	94	91	93	NA
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	55	43	34	52
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	31	26	50	55

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.....	6.5	6.4	6.5	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	17	12	42	22
Short .....	35	39	37	37
Adequate .....	44	45	19	39
Surplus .....	4	4	2	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	20	14	41	25
Short .....	42	46	39	37
Adequate .....	36	38	19	37
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 .....	2	3	3	NA
Fair .....	5	7	38	NA
Good .....	35	40	36	NA
Excellent.....	56	50	23	NA
Cotton				
Very poor.....	3	--	--	NA
Poor .....	21	15	15	NA
Fair .....	37	38	39	NA
Good .....	29	32	45	NA
Excellent.....	10	15	1	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	3	2	21	13
Poor .....	19	17	20	26
Fair .....	27	32	33	37
Good .....	36	40	20	19
Excellent.....	15	9	6	5
Pecans				
Very poor.....	1	--	13	3
Poor .....	3	3	18	6
Fair .....	3	3	10	11
Good .....	37	37	57	59
Excellent.....	56	57	2	21
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	3	--	4	1
Poor .....	4	--	11	19
Fair .....	39	43	19	23
Good .....	39	44	37	35
Excellent.....	15	13	29	22
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	1	4	3
Poor .....	4	3	8	8
Fair .....	30	32	25	33
Good .....	45	49	40	40
Excellent.....	20	15	23	16
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	3	--	9	5
Poor .....	7	1	9	11
Fair .....	21	19	32	34
Good .....	49	54	47	48
Excellent.....	20	26	3	2
NA – not available				
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