

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 20, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Harvest activities and fieldwork continued across the State last week where conditions allowed, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Received precipitation was mostly concentrated in portions of northern and eastern New Mexico during week. Statewide, topsoil moisture was reported as 46 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 48 percent last week, 19 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 37 percent, while 49 percent of the pastures and ranges were reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 51 percent last week, 24 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 20 percent. Comments from reporters noted dry weather and drought conditions remained primary producer concerns. Alfalfa hay harvest and red chile harvest was nearly complete at 97 percent and 95 percent, respectively. Cotton harvest made progress last week at 48 percent complete, the same as last year, but behind the 5-year average of 62 percent. Comments from Union County noted corn, sorghum, and millet harvest was virtually complete. Area livestock producers continued moving cattle to graze post-harvest residues. Converted moisture totals during the past week ranged from approximately 1 inch in portions of Taos, Rio Arriba, and Santa Fe Counties to 0.25 inches or less in other areas of the State. Accumulations were mostly noted in northern and eastern counties, although isolated areas in Torrance, Guadalupe, and Lincoln Counties received up to 0.5 inches of moisture. With some reduction of drought noted compared to one month ago, isolated areas in a few counties continued to register yearly rainfall accumulation at or below 50 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 15, 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, severe drought (D2) covered 15.6 percent, moderate drought (D1) covered 21.7 percent, and abnormal dryness (D0) covered 51.0 percent. All categories were unchanged from last week. 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 3 percent light and 1 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 10 percent very short, 20 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared with 9 percent very short, 32 percent short, 54 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 5 percent very short, 25 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 18 percent very short, 35 percent short, 46 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	97	90	89	NA
Chile				
Red harvested	95	90	86	85
Corn				
Harvested for grain	50	35	73	75
Cotton				
Bolls opening	96	90	97	NA
Harvested	48	35	48	62
Onions				
Planted	85	80	NA	NA
Emerged	31	25	NA	NA
Peanuts				
Harvested	84	81	94	NA
Pecans				
Harvested	23	16	25	17
Winter wheat				
Emerged	97	94	96	NA
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	47	55	42	55
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	39	31	53	59
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.....	6.7	6.5	6.8	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	20	17	41	23
Short	34	35	40	40
Adequate	45	44	16	35
Surplus	1	4	3	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	24	20	42	26
Short	36	42	41	40
Adequate	40	36	16	33
Surplus	--	2	1	1
NA – not available				
(–) – zero				

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn				
Very poor.....	3	2	NA	NA
Poor	6	2	NA	NA
Fair	8	5	NA	NA
Good	32	35	NA	NA
Excellent.....	51	56	NA	NA
Cotton				
Very poor.....	5	3	--	NA
Poor	23	21	17	NA
Fair	41	37	37	NA
Good	27	29	43	NA
Excellent.....	4	10	3	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	3	3	20	15
Poor	17	19	21	26
Fair	31	27	35	39
Good	29	36	20	17
Excellent.....	20	15	4	3
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	1	15	3
Poor	3	3	17	7
Fair	3	3	8	12
Good	40	37	53	55
Excellent.....	54	56	7	23
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	3	7	3
Poor	2	4	14	22
Fair	44	39	22	24
Good	42	39	32	33
Excellent.....	11	15	25	18
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	1	4	3
Poor	5	4	9	9
Fair	25	30	29	33
Good	39	45	38	42
Excellent.....	30	20	20	13
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	3	11	6
Poor	9	7	6	11
Fair	32	21	40	38
Good	44	49	41	43
Excellent.....	15	20	2	2
NA – not available				
(--) – zero				