

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 20, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Dry conditions and above average temperatures continued their dominance across the State, as concerns about the newly sown winter wheat crop remained high due to questionable soil moisture levels despite a bump in reported crop condition following the moisture received two weeks ago, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Statewide, the winter wheat crop was reported as 41 percent good to excellent, compared with 38 percent last week, 62 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 29 percent. Measurable moisture (0.01 inch) was recorded at Chama, the only weather station to report any precipitation during the week. The dry weather coupled with high winds left much of the State on alert for fires. Statewide, topsoil moisture conditions dipped to 34 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 38 percent last week, 49 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 30 percent. Average temperatures varied from 2 to 10 degrees above normal. Daytime highs ranged from 65 degrees at Alcalde to 82 degrees at Bitter Lakes, Carlsbad, Roswell, and Tucumcari. Overnight lows varied from 5 degrees at Eagle Nest to 35 degrees at NMSU and Santa Teresa. Cotton and peanut harvests were advancing rapidly in the southeast, while sorghum harvest in the northeast was progressing, although some fields had yet to mature. Statewide, pecan nut set was reported as 1 percent none, 25 percent light, 53 percent moderate, and 21 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 31 percent light, 5 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 5 percent very short, 4 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 7 percent very short, 20 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Chile				
Red harvested	81	75	91	75
Corn				
Harvested for grain.....	56	52	57	81
Cotton				
Harvested	73	60	71	61
Peanuts				
Harvested	96	88	90	84
Pecans				
Harvested	25	17	9	4
Sorghum				
Mature	94	89	100	94
Harvested	52	41	72	63
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves	52	50	76	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	66	64	81	NA

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.....	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	12	10	12	38
Short	54	52	39	32
Adequate	32	36	47	29
Surplus	2	2	2	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	11	11	9	NA
Short	36	34	26	NA
Adequate	52	54	64	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)
Pasture and range				
Very poor	4	4	4	31
Poor.....	21	20	8	22
Fair.....	43	43	33	27
Good	27	27	44	17
Excellent	5	6	11	3
Pecan				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	6	7	14	22
Good	45	42	70	56
Excellent	49	51	16	22
Sorghum				
Very poor	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	4	4	NA	NA
Fair.....	66	66	NA	NA
Good	27	27	NA	NA
Excellent	3	3	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor	--	--	--	11
Poor.....	23	24	--	19
Fair.....	36	38	38	41
Good	29	26	50	25
Excellent	12	12	12	4
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	2	2	1	NA
Poor.....	4	4	2	NA
Fair.....	36	35	24	NA
Good	51	51	61	NA
Excellent	7	8	12	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	12	12	15	NA
Poor.....	12	12	16	NA
Fair.....	19	16	14	NA
Good	50	52	52	NA
Excellent	7	8	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/2016/NM_Weather_11202016.pdf