

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 2, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: A much weaker monsoon resulted in reduced rainfall totals across the State which allowed for rapid progress for most fieldwork activities, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Reports from Union County indicated that only a light rain fell midweek, which had no real effect on crops in the area, although comments noted that growers in the area were uncertain about whether winter wheat would be seeded following corn acreage being harvested due to concern over soil moisture availability. Fields that were left idle this summer were already being sown. Statewide, topsoil moisture was reported as 34 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 40 percent last week, 32 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 45 percent, while 21 percent of the pastures and ranges were reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 21 percent last week, 21 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 26 percent. Converted moisture totals during the past week ranged from over 2 inches in a couple of extremely isolated locations in Eddy and Luna Counties to only a trace or none across large portions of New Mexico. Several pockets of the State saw accumulations of 0.5 inch during the week, but most areas were impacted by a drastically reduced monsoon during the week. Isolated areas in several counties continued to register yearly rainfall accumulation at or below 25 percent of normal. According to the United States Drought Monitor for September 27, drought conditions continued to show some week-to-week improvement. The State remained free of exceptional drought (D4), while the area affected by extreme drought (D3) was unchanged at 7.0 percent. Severe drought (D2) was categorized across 24.5 percent of New Mexico, a decrease of 6.8 percentage points from last week. Moderate drought (D1) was increased to 45.3 percent, and abnormal dryness (D0) accounted for 22.2 percent. Drought-free conditions, at 1.0 percent, remained confined to Dona Ana and Otero Counties, although a slight increase was noted. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent moderate. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 4 percent light, 5 percent moderate, and 3 percent severe. Pecan nut set was reported as 10 percent heavy, 89 percent moderate and 1 percent light. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 13 percent very short, 43 percent short, 42 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 11 percent very short, 28 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 29 percent very short, 28 percent short, 42 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 12 percent very short, 30 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus last year.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
5 th cutting harvested	67	46	53	72
6 th cutting harvested	15	--	--	29
Chile				
Red harvested	37	23	19	15
Corn				
Dented	73	54	94	85
Mature	35	15	72	62
Harvested for silage	53	35	83	78
Cotton				
Bolls opening	53	31	32	48
Onions				
Planted	15	4	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Planted	60	42	80	82
Emerged	40	24	62	55
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed	40	45	28	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed	20	21	40	NA

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	6.8	5.9	5.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	18	15	33	22
Short	48	45	35	33
Adequate	32	38	28	41
Surplus	2	2	4	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	30	29	40	30
Short	50	51	35	32
Adequate	20	20	22	36
Surplus	--	--	3	2

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	1	1	3	5
Poor	4	5	6	9
Fair	20	23	38	25
Good	57	50	36	49
Excellent.....	18	21	17	12
Corn				
Very poor.....	4	4	--	1
Poor	15	10	4	4
Fair	24	20	37	32
Good	29	29	31	37
Excellent.....	28	37	28	26
Cotton				
Very poor.....	5	5	--	2
Poor	27	31	17	13
Fair	38	38	40	42
Good	26	22	39	37
Excellent.....	4	4	4	6
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	6	8	11	14
Poor	32	32	22	24
Fair	41	39	46	36
Good	14	13	16	20
Excellent.....	7	8	5	6
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	5	5	--	1
Poor	7	7	8	12
Fair	75	75	33	51
Good	13	13	59	36
Excellent.....	--	--	--	--
Pecans				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	--
Poor	4	4	5	2
Fair	5	8	6	10
Good	38	41	88	71
Excellent.....	52	46	1	17
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	2	3	2
Poor	6	6	9	9
Fair	44	44	30	36
Good	38	35	38	40
Excellent.....	11	13	20	13
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	1	2	10	13
Poor	4	4	12	10
Fair	43	38	39	30
Good	51	53	39	44
Excellent.....	1	3	--	3

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