

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: During a week where much of the United States saw precipitation of an inch or more, weather conditions across New Mexico remained dry and windy, with warmer than normal average temperatures, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Producers had nearly a full week of days suitable for field or ranch work. Growers began harvesting pecans during the week, with 76 percent of the crop reported in good to excellent condition and 90 percent of the orchards across the State showing moderate to heavy nut set. Overall, 62 percent of the winter wheat crop was reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 20 percent last year and a 5-year average of 45 percent. Reports from Union County noted that while irrigated wheat looked good, natural moisture was needed in addition to the irrigation to keep the crop developing well. Additionally, more water was needed to help fill creeks and ponds in the county for livestock. Statewide, 33 percent of the State’s pastures and rangelands were reported in very poor or poor condition, compared with 37 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 32 percent. During the past week, converted moisture totals in limited locations of northwestern New Mexico equaled approximately 0.50 inch. The vast majority of the State accumulated less than 0.10 inch or was dry. According to the United States Drought Monitor for October 26, drought-free conditions shrunk even more following weeks of below average rainfall, and were now present across just 1.2 percent of the State. The drought-free areas were limited to southern Eddy and Otero Counties along the Texas border. Abnormal dryness expanded to cover 20.7 percent of the State. Moderate drought (D1) increased to 27.8 percent. Severe drought (D2) increased very slightly to cover 39.2 percent of New Mexico. Extreme drought (D3) decreased slightly to 11.2 percent of the State. The State remained free of exceptional drought (D4). Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 76 percent short to very short, compared with 80 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 51 percent. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent light and 1 percent moderate. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 10 percent light, 2 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Pecan nut set was reported as 1 percent none, 9 percent light, 80 percent moderate, and 10 percent heavy. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 9 percent very short, 32 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus, compared with 22 percent very short, 38 percent short, 38 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 14 percent very short, 32 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 20 percent very short, 41 percent short, and 39 percent adequate 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	99	93	96	NA
6 th cutting harvested	49	33	75	82
Chile				
Red harvested	77	57	70	59
Corn				
Harvested for grain	30	19	41	41
Cotton				
Bolls opening	85	72	83	NA
Harvested	3	--	40	29
Peanuts				
Harvested	50	35	62	60
Pecans				
Harvested	1	NA	2	NA
Winter wheat				
Planted	95	94	95	NA
Emerged	87	85	77	91
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed	34	35	73	52
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed	43	40	75	56
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	6.8	6.8	5.0	5.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	34	27	40	15
Short	42	43	40	36
Adequate	22	26	15	44
Surplus	2	4	5	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	38	35	43	18
Short	41	44	40	33
Adequate	20	18	15	46
Surplus	1	3	2	3
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	2	NA	NA
Poor	2	2	NA	NA
Fair.....	43	40	NA	NA
Good	42	46	NA	NA
Excellent	12	10	NA	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor	2	2	9	5
Fair.....	42	39	26	29
Good	31	30	10	38
Excellent	25	29	54	27
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	5	2
Poor	16	17	23	15
Fair.....	37	39	53	44
Good	43	38	11	31
Excellent	4	6	8	8
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	15	13	9	8
Poor	18	20	28	24
Fair.....	43	49	45	42
Good	18	16	14	21
Excellent	6	2	4	5
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	--	5	NA
Poor	7	7	20	NA
Fair.....	33	33	33	NA
Good	60	60	42	NA
Excellent	--	--	--	NA
Pecans				
Very poor.....	8	5	1	--
Poor	10	5	3	1
Fair.....	6	9	31	10
Good	73	80	65	54
Excellent	3	1	--	35
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	5	--	1
Poor	14	14	55	24
Fair.....	23	19	25	30
Good	41	44	9	30
Excellent	21	18	11	15
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	3	3	2	1
Poor	8	9	13	7
Fair.....	30	33	40	39
Good	39	37	32	41
Excellent	20	18	13	12
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	5	1	10	7
Poor	9	11	21	11
Fair.....	29	33	35	29
Good	50	53	34	49
Excellent	7	2	--	4
NA – not available				
(--) – zero				