

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



United States Department of Agriculture
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE
NEW MEXICO FIELD OFFICE
PO Box 1809, Las Cruces, NM 88004
Cooperating with the New Mexico Department of Agriculture



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 8, 2021

Contact: Longino Bustillos
(800) 530-8810

CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 7, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Dry weather continued its dominance across the State during the week which led to noticeable reductions in soil moisture levels and dryland crop conditions, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Reports from Curry County noted much cooler temperatures with high humidity, but no precipitation, leaving fields and pastures in dire need of additional moisture. Statewide, 37 percent of the State's pastures and rangelands were reported in very poor or poor condition, compared with 42 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 34 percent. Producers had nearly a full week of days suitable for field or ranch work. The pecan harvest advanced slowly, with progress 4 percent complete by week's end, slightly ahead of last year but behind normal. Row crop harvest progress advanced quickly. Ranchers stayed busy culling open or undesirable cows, and marketing calves and yearlings. Natural stock water supplies continued to dwindle under the dry conditions, so water was having to be hauled to winter grazing grounds. During the past week, converted moisture totals in limited locations across New Mexico equaled approximately less than 0.10 inch in a few isolated locations. The vast majority of the State was dry for a second consecutive week. Additionally, average temperatures were warmer than normal for most areas, while overnight lows were well below freezing in several northern and western counties. According to the United States Drought Monitor for November 2, drought-free conditions were virtually non-existent, with just 0.2 percent of the State rated in the category. The drought-free area was limited to a small portion of southern Otero County along the Texas border. Abnormal dryness expanded to cover 21.7 percent of the State. Moderate drought (D1) decreased to 26.6 percent. Severe drought (D2) spread, now covering 40.3 percent of New Mexico. Extreme drought (D3) was unchanged, present across 11.2 percent of the State. The State remained free of exceptional drought (D4). Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 80 percent short to very short, compared with 80 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 52 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. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 11 percent very short, 30 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus, compared with 21 percent very short, 43 percent short, and 36 percent adequate. Stock water supplies were reported as 18 percent very short, 31 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 22 percent very short, 42 percent short, and 36 percent adequate last year.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
6 th cutting harvested	65	49	84	NA
Chile				
Red harvested	80	77	78	70
Corn				
Harvested for grain	45	30	57	54
Cotton				
Bolls opening	92	85	88	NA
Harvested	20	3	54	40
Peanuts				
Harvested	79	50	81	75
Pecans				
Harvested	4	1	3	9
Winter wheat				
Emerged	90	87	81	NA
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed	34	34	76	55
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed	51	43	76	57

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	6.6	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	39	34	38	15
Short.....	41	42	42	37
Adequate.....	18	22	17	46
Surplus.....	2	2	3	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	40	38	40	17
Short.....	40	41	42	36
Adequate.....	19	20	16	46
Surplus.....	1	1	2	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.....	--	--	1	NA
Poor.....	3	2	8	NA
Fair.....	44	42	28	NA
Good.....	34	31	14	NA
Excellent.....	19	25	49	NA
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	5	NA
Poor.....	17	16	22	NA
Fair.....	38	37	52	NA
Good.....	41	43	14	NA
Excellent.....	4	4	7	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	18	15	12	7
Poor.....	19	18	30	27
Fair.....	40	43	43	40
Good.....	17	18	12	20
Excellent.....	6	6	3	6
Pecans				
Very poor.....	10	8	--	--
Poor.....	12	10	4	2
Fair.....	6	6	30	10
Good.....	66	73	66	54
Excellent.....	6	3	--	34
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	3	1	--	--
Poor.....	12	14	62	23
Fair.....	20	23	22	27
Good.....	42	41	5	32
Excellent.....	23	21	11	18
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	5	3	7	2
Poor.....	8	8	12	7
Fair.....	26	30	40	34
Good.....	42	39	28	43
Excellent.....	19	20	13	14
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	9	5	5	6
Poor.....	12	9	18	11
Fair.....	27	29	42	33
Good.....	47	50	35	48
Excellent.....	5	7	--	2

NA – not available

(--) – zero