

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 29, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: The mild, dry weather pattern experienced in recent weeks continued across much of the State, providing crop producers plenty of time to harvest crops and finish seeding overwintered small grains, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of days suitable for fieldwork decreased to 6.8, compared with 6.9 days last week, 6.8 days last year, and a 5-year average of 6.8 days. Cattle producers continued to move their herds to wheat pastures for the winter, with grazing prospects reported to be fairly good in many locations. Statewide, topsoil moisture levels were reported as 82 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 80 percent last week, 27 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 32 percent. The only measurable moisture was reported at Capulin, where 0.03 inch accumulated. Average temperatures ranged from 4 degrees below to 4 degrees above normal. Daytime highs varied from 64 degrees at Angel Fire to 88 degrees at Carlsbad and Hachita. Overnight lows ranged from 14 degrees at Angel Fire to 39 degrees at Truth or Consequences. Overall, pasture and range condition was reported as 45 percent good to excellent, compared with 45 percent last week, 32 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 27 percent. Statewide, pecan nut set was reported as 30 percent heavy, 65 percent moderate, and 5 percent light, compared with 25 percent heavy, 69 percent moderate, and 6 percent light last week. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent severe, 2 percent moderate, and 1 percent light, compared with 1 percent severe, 2 percent moderate, and 1 percent light last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent severe, 1 percent moderate, and 6 percent light, compared with 1 percent severe, 1 percent moderate, and 5 percent light last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 4 percent very short, 15 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus, compared with 3 percent very short, 14 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
5 th cutting harvested.....	95	92	100	100
6 th cutting harvested.....	82	75	69	81
Chile				
Red harvested	72	61	56	45
Corn				
Mature	88	81	89	92
Harvested for grain	42	25	33	37
Cotton				
Bolls opening	96	93	89	94
Harvested.....	27	13	36	23
Peanuts				
Harvested.....	50	14	64	59
Pecans				
Harvested.....	10	NA	NA	NA
Sorghum				
Mature	96	77	69	68
Harvested for grain	18	13	7	13
Winter wheat				
Emerged	96	89	95	88
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves.....	40	41	50	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	50	45	56	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	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	2	13	28
Short	17	18	60	40
Adequate	80	73	26	31
Surplus	2	7	1	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	1	1	11	NA
Short	19	23	36	NA
Adequate	79	75	52	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)
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	2	2	1
Poor.....	2	3	3	3
Fair.....	26	25	28	31
Good	57	48	47	47
Excellent	14	22	20	18
Cotton				
Very poor.....	5	3	--	1
Poor.....	7	6	24	13
Fair.....	50	42	35	33
Good	34	43	35	34
Excellent	4	6	6	19
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	4	4	20
Poor.....	13	19	20	20
Fair.....	41	32	44	33
Good	38	39	26	22
Excellent	7	6	6	5
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	5	7	NA	NA
Fair.....	73	68	NA	NA
Good	22	25	NA	NA
Excellent	--	--	NA	NA
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	1	--
Fair.....	1	1	9	16
Good	65	73	42	56
Excellent	34	26	48	28
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	6
Poor.....	3	--	4	10
Fair.....	49	54	73	36
Good	38	37	22	46
Excellent	10	8	1	2
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	3	--	NA
Poor.....	2	4	27	NA
Fair.....	27	22	34	NA
Good	52	55	27	NA
Excellent	18	16	12	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	1	2	NA
Poor.....	1	3	4	NA
Fair.....	20	21	34	NA
Good	65	65	53	NA
Excellent	13	10	7	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	3	12	12	NA
Poor.....	7	13	12	NA
Fair.....	20	15	16	NA
Good	60	53	52	NA
Excellent.....	10	7	8	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/2017/NM_Weather_10292017.pdf