

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 11, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Weather conditions were diverse during the week – some hot and dry, and others cool and wet. Measurable rain was reported at 43 of the 45 weather stations; however, accumulations ranged from 0.03 to 3.60 inches. Ten locations totaled 1.10 inches or more during the week. Alamogordo and Truth or Consequences were the only weather stations reporting a year-to-date deficit as of October 11. Average temperatures varied from 3 degrees below normal to 7 degrees above. Daytime highs ranged from 73 degrees at Chama and El Morro to 90 degrees at Fort Sumner, while overnight lows varied from 29 degrees at Eagle Nest to 56 degrees in Carlsbad. Reports indicated that fieldwork in portions of District 30 was slowed by heavy rainfall. Soil erosion and crop losses occurred in recently sown winter wheat fields. Pecan nut set was reported as 16 percent heavy, 75 percent moderate, and 9 percent light. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 4 percent light and 4 percent moderate. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light and 2 percent moderate. Stock water supplies were reported as 5 percent very short, 20 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

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	90	96	95
6 th cutting harvested	45	35	59	58
Chile				
Red harvested	25	22	9	10
Corn				
Dented	95	90	99	98
Mature	57	45	79	76
Harvested for grain.....	1	NA	14	18
Harvested for silage.....	89	85	87	89
Cotton				
Bolls opening	83	73	74	80
Harvested	7	4	--	3
Peanuts				
Harvested	28	22	24	27
Sorghum				
Coloring	95	90	84	81
Mature	50	32	24	28
Harvested for grain.....	1	NA	--	4
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	61	42	83	87
Emerged	44	22	64	63

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.....	6.2	6.3	6.8	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	13	13	28	32
Short	37	38	23	36
Adequate	47	47	46	31
Surplus	3	2	3	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	9	26	NA
Short	33	34	28	NA
Adequate	57	56	44	NA
Surplus	1	1	2	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)
Alfalfa				
Very poor	--	--	1	3
Poor.....	2	3	4	7
Fair.....	28	27	38	30
Good	43	43	46	54
Excellent	27	27	11	6
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	3	3
Poor.....	--	--	4	9
Fair.....	12	12	26	37
Good	51	51	34	34
Excellent	37	37	33	17
Cotton				
Very poor	--	--	--	4
Poor.....	3	3	4	16
Fair.....	23	23	50	34
Good	64	64	26	26
Excellent	10	10	20	20
Fall Lettuce				
Very poor	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Fair.....	--	--	NA	NA
Good	60	60	NA	NA
Excellent	40	40	NA	NA
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	4	4	11	30
Poor.....	8	7	18	25
Fair.....	33	34	37	25
Good	44	44	27	17
Excellent	11	11	7	3
Peanuts				
Very poor	--	--	3	4
Poor.....	--	--	19	21
Fair.....	69	69	71	51
Good	28	28	7	24
Excellent	3	3	--	--
Pecans				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	13	13	24	16
Good	77	77	60	56
Excellent	10	10	16	27
Sorghum				
Very poor	--	--	--	18
Poor.....	1	1	3	10
Fair.....	10	10	28	34
Good	84	84	60	33
Excellent	5	5	9	5
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	1	1	2	NA
Poor.....	2	2	10	NA
Fair.....	24	24	38	NA
Good	66	66	43	NA
Excellent	7	7	7	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	15	15	18	NA
Poor.....	15	15	24	NA
Fair.....	15	15	30	NA
Good	52	52	28	NA
Excellent	3	3	--	NA

NA – not available

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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/2015/NM_Weather_10112015.pdf