

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 12, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: With the trend in New Mexico’s weather steady, another week of warm days, cool nights, and limited precipitation afforded producers ample time to finish harvesting, complete needed farm maintenance, and prepare their livestock for winter, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of days suitable for fieldwork equaled 6.7, compared with 6.8 days last week, 6.4 days last year, and a 5-year average of 6.7 days. By week’s end, alfalfa hay harvest across the State neared completion, although progress was slightly behind normal. Two-thirds of the corn crop had been harvested for grain, and cotton harvest neared the halfway mark. Pecan growers were steadily harvesting the early-variety trees in their orchards. Reports of drying conditions were noted in Curry County, leaving the recently sown winter wheat crop in need of additional moisture to maintain the excellent condition seen thus far. Statewide, winter wheat condition was reported as 67 percent good to excellent, compared with 59 percent last week, 38 percent last year and a 5-year average of 34 percent. Overall, topsoil moisture levels were reported as 70 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 77 percent last week, 38 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 37 percent. Measurable moisture was recorded at 26 of the 45 reporting weather stations during the week, with the largest accumulation, 0.83 inch, reported at Cloudcroft. Average temperatures ranged from 4 degrees below to 9 degrees above normal. Daytime highs varied from 56 degrees at Angel Fire to 86 degrees at Carlsbad. Overnight lows ranged from 10 degrees at Angel Fire to 44 degrees at NMSU and Truth or Consequences. Overall, pasture and range condition was reported as 40 percent good to excellent, compared with 40 percent last week, 33 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 26 percent. While there was not a change in the percent of pastures and ranges rated good to excellent, there was a 4 percentage point increase in those rated poor or very poor. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent severe, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent light, compared with 1 percent severe, 3 percent moderate, and 2 percent light last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent severe, 1 percent moderate, and 5 percent light, compared with 1 percent severe, 2 percent moderate, and 8 percent light last week. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 2 percent very short, 21 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent very short, 18 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 3 percent very short, 17 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared with 3 percent very short, 13 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
6 th cutting harvested.....	92	87	94	95
Chile				
Red harvested	79	74	73	67
Corn				
Mature	94	91	98	99
Harvested for grain	67	55	51	64
Cotton				
Harvested.....	45	32	59	48
Peanuts				
Harvested.....	77	61	86	80
Pecans				
Harvested.....	20	15	17	4
Sorghum				
Harvested for grain	55	35	40	45
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves.....	38	38	50	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	56	45	64	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	6.7	6.8	6.4	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	3	10	31
Short	25	20	52	32
Adequate	69	75	36	36
Surplus	1	2	2	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	4	11	NA
Short	30	22	34	NA
Adequate	65	73	54	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)
Cotton				
Very poor.....	6	2	NA	NA
Poor.....	9	3	NA	NA
Fair.....	50	57	NA	NA
Good	30	32	NA	NA
Excellent	5	6	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	4	2	4	22
Poor.....	21	19	20	22
Fair.....	35	39	43	30
Good	34	34	27	21
Excellent	6	6	6	5
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	2	1	7	19
Good	68	72	42	51
Excellent	30	27	51	30
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	NA
Poor.....	4	8	4	NA
Fair.....	52	55	66	NA
Good	31	32	27	NA
Excellent	13	4	3	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	6
Poor.....	2	4	24	16
Fair.....	31	36	38	44
Good	51	43	26	29
Excellent	16	16	12	5
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	2	2	2	NA
Poor.....	3	3	4	NA
Fair.....	20	28	35	NA
Good	61	57	51	NA
Excellent	14	10	8	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	10	8	12	NA
Poor.....	15	10	12	NA
Fair.....	25	17	16	NA
Good	50	58	52	NA
Excellent	--	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_11122017.pdf