

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 4, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Widespread moisture was received throughout New Mexico during the week, with accumulations varying from 0.03 to 1.90 inches. While 8 weather stations reported no rainfall, 4 others totaled over an inch. Most notably, Clayton received an additional 1.22 inches to bring its year-to-date total 27.65 inches, 14.00 inches more than normal. Despite cool nighttime temperatures, unusually warm days pushed weekly averages above normal during the week. Daytime highs varied by 20 degrees across the State – from 76 degrees in Red River to 96 degrees in several southern locations. Overnight lows dipped to 29 degrees at Eagle Nest. Reported comments indicated the newly emerged winter wheat crop in portions of the northeast looked promising thanks to recently improved soil moisture. Ranchers in the northwest were busy gathering yearling and forest allotment cattle in preparation for shipment. Rainfall in the southwest had livestock producers hopeful that soil moisture levels will sustain plentiful feedstuffs throughout the winter. Pecan nut set was reported as 16 percent heavy, 75 percent moderate, and 9 percent light. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 7 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	90	80	88	89
6 th cutting harvested	35	28	40	45
Chile				
Red harvested	22	14	--	3
Corn				
Dented	90	75	94	95
Mature	45	28	67	67
Harvested for silage.....	85	77	83	83
Cotton				
Bolls opening	73	68	63	69
Harvested	4	NA	--	--
Peanuts				
Harvested	22	14	14	16
Sorghum				
Coloring	90	70	77	71
Mature	32	12	19	16
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	42	27	70	75
Emerged	22	3	23	40

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.....	6.3	7.0	6.6	6.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	13	14	29	32
Short.....	38	39	23	35
Adequate	47	46	46	32
Surplus	2	1	2	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	9	28	NA
Short.....	34	34	28	NA
Adequate	56	56	42	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	5
Poor.....	3	3	4	9
Fair.....	27	22	38	29
Good	43	48	46	49
Excellent	27	27	11	8
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	3	3
Poor.....	--	--	4	10
Fair.....	12	12	26	33
Good	51	51	32	38
Excellent	37	37	35	16
Cotton				
Very poor	--	--	--	5
Poor.....	3	3	2	18
Fair.....	23	23	50	33
Good	64	64	28	24
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	14	28
Poor.....	7	7	18	25
Fair.....	34	35	39	25
Good	44	43	24	18
Excellent	11	11	5	4
Peanuts				
Very poor	--	--	3	5
Poor.....	--	--	19	24
Fair.....	69	69	71	51
Good	28	28	7	20
Excellent	3	3	--	--
Pecans				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	13	13	24	17
Good	77	77	60	52
Excellent	10	10	16	30
Sorghum				
Very poor	--	--	--	18
Poor.....	1	1	3	9
Fair.....	10	10	28	35
Good	84	84	60	31
Excellent	5	5	9	7
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	1	1	2	NA
Poor.....	2	2	10	NA
Fair.....	24	24	38	NA
Good	66	65	45	NA
Excellent	7	8	5	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

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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_10042015.pdf