

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Beneficial rain continued to fall over much of the State during the week, slowing, or in some cases halting fieldwork, but boosting range and pasture grass growth, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Measureable rainfall was recorded at 43 of 46 reporting weather stations, with Albuquerque, Gila Hot Spring, and Los Lunas being the only dry locations during the week. Statewide, topsoil moisture levels showed further improvement, with conditions rated 59 percent short to very short, compared with 73 percent last week, 49 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 73 percent. Subsoil moisture condition showed a similar jump. The largest rainfall accumulation was reported at Tatum where 3.11 inches fell. Additionally, Artesia, Bitter Lakes, Carlsbad, Cloudcroft, and Ocate recorded over 1 inch or more. While rainfall has been fairly widespread, there were portions of the State that remained dry, with crops and pastures suffering from drought-like conditions. Average temperatures varied from 4 degrees below to 3 degrees above normal. Daytime highs ranged from 72 degrees at Eagle Nest to 96 degrees at Santa Teresa. Overnight lows varied from 39 degrees at El Morro to 65 degrees at NMSU. Comments from several counties in eastern New Mexico indicated that corn silage and hay harvesting, as well as winter wheat seeding were slowed during the week. Livestock producers were contemplating what to do with their cattle since the market is soft. Pecan nut set was reported as 24 percent light, 56 percent moderate, and 20 percent heavy. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 32 percent light, 5 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Stock water supplies were reported as 6 percent very short, 22 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
4 th cutting harvested.....	75	70	86	92
5 th cutting harvested.....	44	39	42	48
Chile				
Green harvested.....	62	54	68	60
Corn				
Dough.....	77	60	76	75
Dented.....	33	13	29	38
Corn harvested for silage.....	40	37	49	37
Cotton				
Setting bolls.....	93	89	95	87
Bolls opening	54	40	31	20
Peanuts				
Pegging.....	97	90	97	94
Sorghum				
Headed	81	75	87	71
Coloring	37	29	17	15
Mature	6	2	--	--
Winter wheat planted.....	6	1	4	6

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	3.7	6.1	7.0	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	8	15	15	38
Short.....	51	58	34	35
Adequate	36	24	49	26
Surplus	5	3	2	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	8	17	11	NA
Short.....	32	38	29	NA
Adequate	58	43	59	NA
Surplus	2	2	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)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	--	--	1	3
Poor.....	4	4	3	7
Fair.....	42	43	21	27
Good	45	46	49	53
Excellent	9	7	26	10
Corn				
Very poor	2	2	--	2
Poor.....	3	4	--	5
Fair.....	31	30	11	32
Good	46	47	51	41
Excellent	18	17	38	20
Cotton				
Very poor	3	3	--	4
Poor.....	25	25	--	14
Fair.....	32	31	23	31
Good	33	33	67	34
Excellent	7	8	10	17
Pasture and range				
Very poor	2	3	4	35
Poor.....	22	23	5	24
Fair.....	46	46	31	22
Good	26	25	48	16
Excellent	4	3	12	3
Peanut				
Very poor	--	--	--	5
Poor.....	4	4	--	17
Fair.....	73	73	68	65
Good	23	23	29	12
Excellent	--	--	3	1
Pecan				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	9	9	13	24
Good	53	53	77	57
Excellent	38	38	10	18
Sorghum				
Very poor	--	--	--	15
Poor.....	2	3	1	13
Fair.....	75	77	10	30
Good	22	19	85	38
Excellent	1	1	4	4
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	2	2	1	NA
Poor.....	4	4	2	NA
Fair.....	37	37	24	NA
Good	52	52	65	NA
Excellent	5	5	8	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	12	12	15	NA
Poor.....	12	12	15	NA
Fair.....	17	20	15	NA
Good	53	50	52	NA
Excellent	6	6	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/2016/NM_Weather_09042016.pdf