

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION  
WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 30, 2022

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Rainfall was received over much of eastern and southern New Mexico during the week, with heavier accumulations concentrated over eastern counties, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Statewide, topsoil moisture was reported as 46 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 47 percent last week, 24 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 48 percent, while 45 percent of the pastures and ranges were reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 39 percent last week, 24 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 24 percent. Comments from reporters showed a light frost in areas caused some damage in chilies and cotton. Light rains have delayed corn harvest; however, fire danger remains high in some areas. Converted moisture totals during the past week ranged from approximately 1 inch in a few isolated areas to only a trace or none across large portions of the State. The heaviest accumulations were noted in limited areas of Catron, Curry, Lincoln, Otero, and Quay Counties. Large areas in central New Mexico saw weekly accumulations ranging from 0.5 to 2 inches. With some reduction of drought noted, isolated areas in a few counties continued to register yearly rainfall accumulation at or below 25 percent of normal. Conversely, yearly precipitation for an area centered over portions of Catron, Cibola, and Socorro Counties totaled 200 percent of normal or more. According to the United States Drought Monitor for October 25, exceptional drought (D4) continued its hold across a small portion of land in Union County. Extreme drought (D3) was noted across 6.8 percent of the State, unchanged from last week, severe drought (D2) covered 14.5 percent, down 1.6 percentage points from a week ago, while moderate drought (D1) decreased 1.4 percentage points to 24.6 percent. Abnormally dryness (D0) continued to expand, with 49.0 percent of New Mexico classified in the category, up 3 percentage points from last week. Drought-free conditions covered 4.9 percent of the State, unchanged from a week ago. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent light and 1 percent moderate. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent light, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 15 percent very short, 32 percent short, 52 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 9 percent very short, 32 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 16 percent very short, 29 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 14 percent very short, 32 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last year.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
6 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested .....	68	61	47	76
Chile				
Red harvested .....	81	78	74	61
Corn				
Mature .....	87	81	NA	NA
Harvested for grain .....	15	12	28	38
Harvested for silage.....	88	83	NA	NA
Cotton				
Bolls opening .....	77	75	83	NA
Harvested .....	11	--	3	20
Onions				
Planted .....	57	47	NA	NA
Emerged .....	9	7	NA	NA
Peanuts				
Harvested .....	55	40	48	55
Pecans				
Harvested .....	9	7	1	4
Winter wheat				
Planted .....	95	91	95	NA
Emerged .....	80	78	87	89
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	48	40	34	48
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	31	25	43	52

NA – not available  
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.5	6.2	6.8	6.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	20	15	34	20
Short .....	34	38	42	32
Adequate .....	42	43	22	43
Surplus .....	4	4	2	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	15	20	38	23
Short .....	41	45	41	35
Adequate .....	42	33	20	39
Surplus .....	2	2	1	3

NA – not available  
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn				
Very poor.....	2	1	--	1
Poor .....	2	7	2	4
Fair .....	5	14	42	32
Good .....	44	40	31	35
Excellent.....	47	38	25	28
Cotton				
Very poor.....	3	--	--	2
Poor .....	21	17	16	13
Fair .....	37	31	37	45
Good .....	29	37	43	32
Excellent.....	10	15	4	8
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	4	1	15	10
Poor .....	24	24	18	24
Fair .....	27	26	43	42
Good .....	36	28	18	19
Excellent.....	9	11	6	5
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	5	5	--	NA
Poor .....	7	7	7	NA
Fair .....	75	75	33	NA
Good .....	13	13	60	NA
Excellent.....	--	--	--	NA
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	8	2
Poor .....	3	3	10	3
Fair .....	3	3	6	10
Good .....	37	33	73	59
Excellent.....	57	61	3	26
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	--	1	1
Poor .....	5	12	14	21
Fair .....	48	44	23	27
Good .....	31	33	41	34
Excellent.....	15	11	21	17
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	3	--	3	2
Poor .....	6	2	8	8
Fair .....	31	32	30	37
Good .....	43	46	39	39
Excellent.....	17	20	20	14
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	5	--	5	6
Poor .....	7	1	9	10
Fair .....	27	36	29	32
Good .....	52	61	50	49
Excellent.....	9	2	7	3

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