

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 16, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Rainfall was hit and miss across New Mexico during the week, with heavier accumulations concentrated over central counties, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Statewide, topsoil moisture was reported as 48 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 41 percent last week, 30 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 46 percent, while 35 percent of the pastures and ranges were reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 29 percent last week, 27 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 24 percent. Comments from Roosevelt County indicated improved conditions following recent rains. In Union County, growers were busy harvesting millet and sorghum for hay. Statewide, 3 percent of the pecan crop was harvested by week’s end, while peanut growers had harvested 23 percent of the crop. Converted moisture totals during the past week ranged from over 2 inches in extremely isolated areas of De Baca, Lincoln, and Socorro Counties to only a trace or none across large portions of northern and southern New Mexico. 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 several 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 11, exceptional drought (D4) remained across a small portion of land in Union County. Extreme drought (D3) was noted across 7.0 percent of the State, severe drought (D2) covered 19.2 percent, and moderate drought (D1) decreased to 25.7 percent. Abnormal dryness (D0) was categorized across 44.6 percent of New Mexico. Drought-free conditions covered 3.3 percent of the State. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 2 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 4 percent light, 2 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Pecan nut set was reported as 20 percent heavy, 79 percent moderate, and 1 percent light. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 14 percent very short, 33 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared with 9 percent very short, 28 percent short, 55 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 18 percent very short, 34 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared with 12 percent very short, 28 percent short, and 60 percent adequate last year.

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	84	80	NA
6 th cutting harvested	52	38	16	54
Chile				
Red harvested	77	66	50	37
Corn				
Dented	95	86	NA	NA
Mature	67	53	89	79
Harvested for grain	6	1	13	16
Harvested for silage.....	79	71	97	91
Cotton				
Bolls opening	74	70	56	72
Onions				
Planted	40	23	NA	NA
Emerged	5	--	NA	NA
Peanuts				
Harvested	23	--	12	18
Pecans				
Harvested	3	NA	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Planted	78	70	91	91
Emerged	63	45	81	78
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	45	45	30	50
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	28	25	45	53

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	6.3	5.9	6.2	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	15	16	23	20
Short	37	43	47	34
Adequate.....	43	36	27	42
Surplus.....	5	5	3	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	23	25	31	23
Short	48	50	41	38
Adequate.....	27	23	25	38
Surplus.....	2	2	3	1

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	NA
Poor	7	5	1	NA
Fair.....	26	22	35	NA
Good	51	54	50	NA
Excellent.....	15	18	14	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	4	5	--	1
Poor	9	12	1	5
Fair.....	16	21	35	30
Good	32	29	28	35
Excellent.....	39	33	36	29
Cotton				
Very poor.....	3	5	--	2
Poor	23	28	16	14
Fair.....	37	38	37	45
Good	30	26	32	32
Excellent.....	7	3	15	7
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	3	4	12	12
Poor	24	25	15	27
Fair.....	38	42	46	37
Good	25	20	19	19
Excellent.....	10	9	8	5
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	5	5	--	1
Poor	7	7	9	10
Fair.....	75	75	32	53
Good	13	13	59	36
Excellent.....	--	--	--	--
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	1	2	--
Poor	3	3	3	2
Fair.....	3	3	5	9
Good	33	35	89	69
Excellent.....	61	58	1	20
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	NA	10	4
Poor	21	NA	10	19
Fair.....	44	NA	17	22
Good	24	NA	48	41
Excellent.....	11	NA	15	14
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	2	3	2
Poor	3	6	7	9
Fair.....	32	37	31	38
Good	48	39	38	38
Excellent.....	16	16	21	13
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	10
Poor	3	4	10	11
Fair.....	38	38	32	29
Good	57	56	48	46
Excellent.....	2	2	7	4

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