

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 23, 2022

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Rainfall was received across a lot of 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 47 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 48 percent last week, 30 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 47 percent, while 39 percent of the pastures and ranges were reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 35 percent last week, 18 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 23 percent. Reporter comments from Union County showed fall like weather helped farmers harvesting fields of milo and millet. Sorghum was also maturing. According to the United States Drought Monitor for October 18, exceptional drought (D4) still remained across a small portion of land in Union County. Extreme drought (D3) was noted across 6.8 percent of the State, severe drought (D2) covered 16.1 percent, and moderate drought (D1) increased slightly to 26.0 percent. Abnormal dryness (D0) was categorized across 46.0 percent of New Mexico. Drought-free conditions covered 4.9 percent of the State. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent light and 1 percent moderate. Pecan nut set was reported as 26 percent heavy, 73 percent moderate, and 1 percent light. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 6 percent very short, 41 percent short, 52 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 8 percent very short, 32 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 15 percent very short, 38 percent short, 46 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 12 percent very short, 30 percent short, 57 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 ..... | 61           | 52            | 31            | 67             |
| Chile                                   |              |               |               |                |
| Red harvested .....                     | 78           | 77            | 56            | 48             |
| Corn                                    |              |               |               |                |
| Mature .....                            | 81           | 67            | 94            | 86             |
| Harvested for grain .....               | 12           | 6             | 18            | 27             |
| Harvested for silage .....              | 83           | 79            | NA            | NA             |
| Cotton                                  |              |               |               |                |
| Bolls opening .....                     | 75           | 74            | 70            | 82             |
| Onions                                  |              |               |               |                |
| Planted .....                           | 47           | 40            | NA            | NA             |
| Emerged .....                           | 7            | 5             | NA            | NA             |
| Peanuts                                 |              |               |               |                |
| Harvested .....                         | 40           | 23            | 32            | 34             |
| Pecans                                  |              |               |               |                |
| Harvested .....                         | 7            | 3             | NA            | NA             |
| Winter wheat                            |              |               |               |                |
| Planted .....                           | 91           | 78            | 94            | 95             |
| Emerged .....                           | 78           | 63            | 85            | 85             |
| Cattle and calves                       |              |               |               |                |
| Receiving supplemental feed.....        | 40           | 45            | 35            | 52             |
| Sheep and lambs                         |              |               |               |                |
| Receiving supplemental feed.....        | 25           | 28            | 40            | 54             |

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 .....                       | 6.2          | 6.3           | 6.8           | 6.2            |
| Topsoil moisture  | (percent)    | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)      |
| Very short.....   | 15           | 15            | 27            | 20             |
| Short .....   | 38           | 37            | 43            | 33             |
| Adequate.....   | 43           | 43            | 26            | 44             |
| Surplus.....  | 4            | 5             | 4             | 3              |
| Subsoil moisture  |              |               |               |                |
| Very short.....   | 20           | 23            | 35            | 24             |
| Short .....   | 45           | 48            | 44            | 36             |
| Adequate.....   | 33           | 27            | 18            | 38             |
| Surplus.....  | 2            | 2             | 3             | 2              |

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| CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION |              |               |               |                |
|--|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Commodity                                    | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|  | (percent)    | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)      |
| Corn   |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....                               | 1            | 4             | --            | 1              |
| Poor .....                                   | 7            | 9             | 2             | 5              |
| Fair.....                                    | 14           | 16            | 39            | 31             |
| Good .....                                   | 40           | 32            | 30            | 37             |
| Excellent.....                               | 38           | 39            | 29            | 26             |
| Cotton                                       |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....                               | --           | 3             | --            | 3              |
| Poor .....                                   | 17           | 23            | 17            | 14             |
| Fair.....                                    | 31           | 37            | 39            | 45             |
| Good .....                                   | 37           | 30            | 38            | 32             |
| Excellent.....                               | 15           | 7             | 6             | 6              |
| Pasture and range                            |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....                               | 1            | 3             | 13            | 13             |
| Poor .....                                   | 24           | 24            | 20            | 25             |
| Fair.....                                    | 36           | 38            | 49            | 39             |
| Good .....                                   | 28           | 25            | 16            | 18             |
| Excellent.....                               | 11           | 10            | 2             | 5              |
| Peanuts                                      |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....                               | 5            | 5             | 0             | 1              |
| Poor .....                                   | 7            | 7             | 7             | 10             |
| Fair.....                                    | 75           | 75            | 33            | 53             |
| Good .....                                   | 13           | 13            | 60            | 36             |
| Excellent.....                               | --           | --            | --            | --             |
| Pecans                                       |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....                               | --           | --            | 5             | 1              |
| Poor .....                                   | 3            | 3             | 5             | 2              |
| Fair.....                                    | 3            | 3             | 9             | 10             |
| Good .....                                   | 33           | 33            | 80            | 63             |
| Excellent.....                               | 61           | 61            | 1             | 24             |
| Winter wheat                                 |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....                               | --           | --            | 5             | 3              |
| Poor .....                                   | 12           | 21            | 14            | 20             |
| Fair.....                                    | 44           | 44            | 19            | 23             |
| Good .....                                   | 33           | 24            | 44            | 39             |
| Excellent.....                               | 11           | 11            | 18            | 15             |
| Cattle and calves                            |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....                               | 0            | 1             | 3             | 2              |
| Poor .....                                   | 2            | 3             | 9             | 8              |
| Fair.....                                    | 32           | 32            | 33            | 37             |
| Good .....                                   | 46           | 48            | 37            | 39             |
| Excellent.....                               | 20           | 16            | 18            | 14             |
| Sheep and lambs                              |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....                               | --           | --            | 1             | 7              |
| Poor .....                                   | 1            | 3             | 11            | 11             |
| Fair.....                                    | 36           | 38            | 33            | 30             |
| Good .....                                   | 61           | 57            | 53            | 48             |
| Excellent.....                               | 2            | 2             | 2             | 4              |

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