

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 9, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Monsoonal activity increased when compared with last week’s weakened storms, bringing heavy, widespread rainfall to the State during the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of days suitable for fieldwork was reduced to 5.9, compared with 6.7 days last week. Statewide, topsoil moisture was reported as 41 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 34 percent last week, 32 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 49 percent, while 29 percent of the pastures and ranges were reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 21 percent last week, 31 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 28 percent. Growers continued to harvest alfalfa hay and red chile at a rapid pace. Winter wheat seeding continued, although progress was held to 10 percentage points during the week. The first reports of corn being harvested for grain were noted during the week, while corn for silage harvest continued at a strong pace, although behind both last year and the average. Converted moisture totals during the past week ranged from over 5 inches in portions of Cibola, Socorro, and Torrance Counties to only a trace for areas in northwestern and southeastern New Mexico. A wide swath of rainfall ranging from 0.5 to 2 inches or more blanketed much of the State. Despite weekly rainfall totals exceeding 600 percent of normal for many counties, year-to-date moisture for large areas remained well below average. 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 4, exceptional drought (D4) was reintroduced to the State, with a small percentage of land in Union County noted in the category. Extreme drought (D3) was noted across 7.1 percent of the State, severe drought (D2) covered 25.1 percent, and moderate drought (D1) decreased to 44.5 percent. Abnormal dryness (D0) was categorized across 19.9 percent of New Mexico. Drought-free conditions increased to cover 3.3 percent of the State, with some expansion noted in Dona Ana and Otero Counties. This is the largest drought-free area in New Mexico since October 19, 2021. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 3 percent light and 1 percent moderate. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light, 3 percent moderate, and 3 percent severe. Pecan nut set was reported as 15 percent heavy, 84 percent moderate, and 1 percent light. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 15 percent very short, 38 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 11 percent very short, 25 percent short, 52 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 23 percent very short, 30 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared with 10 percent very short, 25 percent short, 64 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				
5 th cutting harvested	84	67	67	84
6 th cutting harvested	38	15	4	40
Chile				
Red harvested	66	37	37	27
Corn				
Dented	86	73	NA	NA
Mature	53	35	83	71
Harvested for grain	1	NA	4	8
Harvested for silage.....	71	53	93	85
Cotton				
Bolls opening	70	53	43	59
Onions				
Planted	23	15	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Planted	70	60	88	88
Emerged	45	40	76	68
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	45	40	26	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	25	20	39	NA
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.....	5.9	6.7	6.7	5.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	16	18	27	19
Short	43	48	41	32
Adequate	36	32	31	45
Surplus	5	2	1	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	25	30	36	25
Short	50	50	35	32
Adequate	23	20	28	42
Surplus	2	--	1	1
NA – not available				
(–) – zero				

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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	5	4	2	NA
Fair	22	20	39	NA
Good	54	57	44	NA
Excellent.....	18	18	15	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	5	4	--	1
Poor	12	15	5	4
Fair	21	24	32	29
Good	29	29	30	40
Excellent.....	33	28	33	26
Cotton				
Very poor.....	5	5	--	1
Poor	28	27	19	15
Fair	38	38	39	45
Good	26	26	34	32
Excellent.....	3	4	8	7
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	4	6	11	11
Poor	25	32	17	24
Fair	42	41	41	37
Good	20	14	21	21
Excellent.....	9	7	10	7
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	5	5	--	--
Poor	7	7	9	10
Fair	75	75	32	54
Good	13	13	59	36
Excellent.....	--	--	--	--
Pecans				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	--
Poor	3	4	1	1
Fair	3	5	1	9
Good	35	38	97	71
Excellent.....	58	52	1	19
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	2	1	4	2
Poor	6	6	8	8
Fair	37	44	25	36
Good	39	38	40	39
Excellent.....	16	11	23	15
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	1	5	12
Poor	4	4	12	13
Fair	38	43	34	27
Good	56	51	44	45
Excellent.....	2	1	5	3

NA – not available
 (--) – zero