

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 19, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Despite sub-freezing overnight lows across much of the State, average temperatures were well above normal during the week, with trace amounts of moisture evident in isolated locations, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of days suitable for fieldwork equaled 6.7, compared with 6.7 days last week, 6.4 days last year, and a 5-year average of 6.5 days. Many producers had finished harvesting their crops by week's end, with alfalfa hay harvest across the State virtually complete. Comments from Dona Ana County noted that a small amount of hay acreage was cut for a seventh time this year. Reports from several northeastern and northwestern counties indicated a need for precipitation and to sustain the wheat crop. Statewide, winter wheat condition was reported as 62 percent good to excellent, compared with 67 percent last week, 41 percent last year and a 5-year average of 35 percent. Overall, topsoil moisture levels were reported as 56 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 70 percent last week, 34 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 35 percent. Measurable moisture was recorded at just 6 of the 45 reporting weather stations during the week, with the largest accumulation, 0.49 inch, reported at Chama. Average temperatures ranged from 4 to 10 degrees above normal. Daytime highs varied from 56 degrees at Angel Fire to 89 degrees at Acme and Roswell. Overnight lows ranged from 6 degrees at Gallup to 41 degrees at Artesia. Overall, pasture and range condition was reported as 43 percent good to excellent, compared with 40 percent last week, 32 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 26 percent. Comments from Grant and Luna Counties suggested that despite the relatively wet monsoon season, the native pastures and ranges will not provide adequate feedstuff for livestock due to the return of dry weather coupled with prolonged drought conditions from a year ago. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent severe, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent light, compared with 1 percent severe, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent light last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 3 percent moderate and 9 percent light, compared with 1 percent severe, 1 percent moderate, and 5 percent light last week. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 3 percent very short, 23 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus, compared with 2 percent very short, 21 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 4 percent very short, 14 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus, compared with 3 percent very short, 17 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
6 th cutting harvested.....	99	92	98	99
Chile				
Red harvested	87	79	80	75
Corn				
Mature	96	94	100	100
Harvested for grain	72	67	55	71
Cotton				
Harvested.....	59	45	71	61
Peanuts				
Harvested.....	81	77	95	87
Pecans				
Harvested.....	25	20	24	8
Sorghum				
Harvested for grain	70	55	50	61
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves.....	41	38	52	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	50	56	66	NA

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.7	6.7	6.4	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	5	5	12	29
Short	39	25	54	36
Adequate.....	55	69	32	34
Surplus.....	1	1	2	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	5	4	11	NA
Short	37	30	36	NA
Adequate.....	57	65	52	NA
Surplus.....	1	1	1	NA

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Very poor.....	2	6	NA	NA
Poor.....	4	9	NA	NA
Fair.....	55	50	NA	NA
Good	34	30	NA	NA
Excellent	5	5	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	2	4	4	20
Poor.....	18	21	21	20
Fair.....	37	35	43	34
Good	38	34	27	22
Excellent	5	6	5	4
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	2	2	6	18
Good	76	68	45	55
Excellent	22	30	49	27
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	6
Poor.....	2	2	23	16
Fair.....	35	31	36	43
Good	53	51	29	30
Excellent	9	16	12	5
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	2	2	NA
Poor.....	2	3	4	NA
Fair.....	24	20	36	NA
Good	63	61	51	NA
Excellent	10	14	7	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	5	10	12	NA
Poor.....	10	15	12	NA
Fair.....	24	25	19	NA
Good	57	50	50	NA
Excellent	4	--	7	NA

NA – not available

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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/2017/NM_Weather_11192017.pdf