

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Much needed precipitation was received across most of the State last week, however rainfall totals are still well below normal, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The United States Drought Monitor released on September 20 categorized exceptional drought (D4) rooted across 14.5 percent of New Mexico, unchanged from last week. Severe to extreme drought (D2-D3) was reportedly covering 44.9 percent of the State, with 27.6 percent and 17.3 percent categorized as D2 and D3, respectively. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse were entrenched across 99.0 percent of the State, a slight improvement when compared with last week. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 53 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 45 percent last week, 69 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 50 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 14 percent good to excellent, compared with 13 percent last week, 46 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 37 percent. Statewide, the green chile harvest was just past three-quarters complete, well behind normal at 90 percent complete. Reports from Rio Arriba, Taos, and San Juan Counties all mention hot and dry weather effecting range conditions. Comments from Cibola County mention slightly improved range conditions from the recent rainfall. In Union County the small amount of moisture received did little to help livestock conditions with many producers still hauling water to livestock. Corn harvest is also about to start in this County. Reports in both Eddy and Lea Counties stated rainfall was both heavy and beneficial depending on location. Precipitation was recorded at all of the 44 reporting weather stations, with Truth or Consequence, at 2.52 inches, reporting the largest accumulation during the week. Average temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below to 9 degrees above normal. Daytime highs varied from 74 degrees at Cloudcroft to 96 degrees at Los Lunas. Overnight lows ranged from 25 degrees at Angel Fire to 57 degrees at Alcalde. Pecan nut set was reported as 31 percent light, 59 percent moderate, and 10 percent heavy. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent light, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 5 percent light and 6 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 8 percent very short, 32 percent short, and 60 percent adequate. Stock water supplies were reported as 21 percent very short, 25 percent short, and 54 percent adequate.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
4 th cutting harvested	100	94	95	99
5 th cutting harvested	75	65	56	71
6 th cutting harvested	29	22	33	27
Chile				
Green harvested.....	76	72	87	90
Corn				
Doughed	93	91	91	95
Dented	77	70	75	77
Mature	48	43	38	37
Harvested for silage.....	70	54	66	67
Cotton				
Setting bolls.....	97	92	94	98
Bolls opening	37	26	40	48
Peanuts				
Harvested.....	1	--	--	2
Sorghum				
Headed	98	90	94	97
Turning color.....	87	65	80	64
Mature	28	4	16	10
Harvested.....	2	1	2	--
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	70	45	77	43
Emerged	50	25	33	10
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	61	47	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	63	43	NA	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	6.4	7.0	6.1	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	16	19	6	16
Short.....	31	36	25	34
Adequate	52	43	62	47
Surplus	1	2	7	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	41	46	5	NA
Short.....	26	30	27	NA
Adequate	32	23	65	NA
Surplus	1	1	3	NA

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	15	16	--	1
Poor.....	3	5	25	10
Fair.....	6	14	19	28
Good.....	62	54	49	50
Excellent.....	14	11	7	11
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	2
Poor.....	2	2	4	5
Fair.....	37	32	27	25
Good.....	40	48	50	45
Excellent.....	21	18	17	23
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	2
Poor.....	6	8	3	12
Fair.....	32	27	44	36
Good.....	58	59	44	37
Excellent.....	4	6	7	13
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	16	14	3	8
Poor.....	35	37	18	18
Fair.....	35	36	33	37
Good.....	12	12	41	30
Excellent.....	2	1	5	7
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	18	18	4	14
Fair.....	52	52	70	64
Good.....	30	30	26	19
Excellent.....	--	--	--	1
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	--	--	5	13
Good.....	89	84	76	60
Excellent.....	11	16	19	27
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	--	--	4	1
Poor.....	3	5	3	4
Fair.....	44	40	40	37
Good.....	47	53	35	48
Excellent.....	6	2	18	10
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	--	1	NA
Poor.....	7	6	2	NA
Fair.....	39	40	28	NA
Good.....	44	40	60	NA
Excellent.....	9	14	9	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	9	--	9	NA
Poor.....	5	8	12	NA
Fair.....	29	34	21	NA
Good.....	54	56	50	NA
Excellent.....	3	2	8	NA

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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/2018/NM-Weather-09232018.pdf

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