

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 28, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Above average precipitation, virtually Statewide, limited fieldwork in some areas and boosted soil moisture levels which was encouraging as more of the recently sown winter wheat crop emerged during the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The United States Drought Monitor released on October 25 categorized exceptional drought (D4) rooted across 15.5 percent of New Mexico, unchanged from last week. Severe to extreme drought (D2-D3) was reportedly covering 35.5 percent of the State, with 37.9 percent and 7.6 percent categorized as D2 and D3, respectively. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse were entrenched across 94.7 percent of the State, down 0.6 percent from last week. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 71 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 64 percent last week, 82 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 49 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 13 percent good to excellent, compared with 12 percent last week, 45 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 35 percent. With the exception of sorghum, row crop harvesting was behind normal. Precipitation was recorded at all 46 reporting weather stations, with Mountainair, at 2.46 inches, reporting the largest accumulation during the week. There were 26 additional weather stations that reported precipitation totals at or above one inch during the week. Average temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below to 4 degrees above normal. Daytime highs varied from 62 degrees at Los Alamos to 81 degrees at Hachita. Overnight lows ranged from 19 degrees at Angel Fire to 48 degrees at Truth or Consequences. Pecan nut set was reported as 10 percent light, 65 percent moderate, and 25 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 4 percent light and 4 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 5 percent very short, 31 percent short, and 64 percent adequate. Stock water supplies were reported as 11 percent very short, 24 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
6 th cutting harvested	83	76	81	78
Chile				
Red harvested	37	27	70	50
Corn				
Mature	88	82	87	90
Harvested for grain	34	25	40	37
Cotton				
Bolls opening	85	78	96	93
Harvested	14	10	25	23
Peanuts				
Harvested	42	34	45	55
Pecans				
Harvested	7	NA	NA	NA
Sorghum				
Mature	65	59	93	74
Harvested	23	20	17	12
Winter wheat				
Emerged	93	90	95	89
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed	48	47	40	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed	48	48	50	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	4.7	5.1	6.8	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	7	11	1	16
Short	22	25	17	35
Adequate	64	55	80	47
Surplus	7	9	2	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	15	20	1	NA
Short	33	35	19	NA
Adequate	48	42	79	NA
Surplus	4	3	1	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)
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	1	1	2	3
Fair.....	29	33	26	27
Good.....	52	50	57	48
Excellent.....	18	16	14	21
Cotton				
Very poor.....	1	--	5	1
Poor.....	10	7	7	10
Fair.....	35	42	50	37
Good.....	52	48	34	38
Excellent.....	2	3	4	14
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	18	18	1	8
Poor.....	29	32	13	18
Fair.....	40	38	41	39
Good.....	11	12	38	29
Excellent.....	2	--	7	6
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	10	4	5	NA
Fair.....	60	65	73	NA
Good.....	28	29	22	NA
Excellent.....	2	2	--	NA
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	1	--	--
Fair.....	7	6	1	16
Good.....	58	65	65	58
Excellent.....	35	28	34	26
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	7	3	3
Fair.....	35	40	49	40
Good.....	55	50	38	53
Excellent.....	8	3	10	4
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	3	1	NA
Poor.....	22	15	2	NA
Fair.....	16	22	27	NA
Good.....	40	47	52	NA
Excellent.....	20	13	18	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	2	1	NA
Poor.....	3	6	1	NA
Fair.....	43	45	20	NA
Good.....	45	41	65	NA
Excellent.....	8	6	13	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	15	18	3	NA
Poor.....	8	10	7	NA
Fair.....	23	23	20	NA
Good.....	51	48	60	NA
Excellent.....	3	1	10	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-10282018.pdf

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