

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 11, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Sub-freezing overnight lows across much of the State, with trace amounts of moisture in isolated locations, resulted in slightly delayed crop progress but helped with the days suitable for fieldwork, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The United States Drought Monitor released on November 6 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 25.3 percent of the State, with 18.7 percent and 6.6 categorized as D2 and D3, respectively. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse were entrenched across 92.1 percent of the State, down 1.0 percent from last week. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 71 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 77 percent last week, 70 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 50 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 16 percent good to excellent, compared with 15 percent last week, 40 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 34 percent. Precipitation was recorded at only 19 of the 46 reporting weather stations, with Tucumcari, at 0.23 inches, reporting the largest accumulation during the week. Average temperatures ranged from 8 degrees below to 4 degrees above normal. Daytime highs varied from 48 degrees at Angle Fire to 82 degrees at Carlsbad. Overnight lows ranged from 5 degrees Angel Fire, El Morro and El Vado Dam to 39 degrees at Santa Teresa. Pecan nut set was reported as 57 percent moderate and 43 percent heavy. Freeze damage in all crops was reported at 20 percent light, 14 percent moderate, and 2 percent severe. 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 3 percent light and 4 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 9 percent very short, 25 percent short, and 66 percent adequate. Stock water supplies were reported as 6 percent very short, 22 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 1 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 | 94 | 89 | 91 | 94 |
| Chile | | | | |
| Red harvested | 70 | 45 | 78 | 68 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Mature | 94 | 93 | 94 | 98 |
| Harvested for grain | 61 | 46 | 65 | 58 |
| Cotton | | | | |
| Bolls opening | 98 | 92 | NA | NA |
| Harvested | 31 | 18 | 43 | 45 |
| Peanuts | | | | |
| Harvested | 76 | 47 | 75 | 79 |
| Pecans | | | | |
| Harvested | 13 | 8 | 19 | 7 |
| Sorghum | | | | |
| Mature | 83 | 81 | 100 | 90 |
| Harvested | 30 | 26 | 52 | 40 |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Emerged | 100 | 96 | NA | NA |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Receiving supplemental feed | 45 | 33 | 38 | NA |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Receiving supplemental feed | 27 | 39 | 56 | 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 | 6.2 | 5.0 | 6.7 | 6.7 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short | 4 | 6 | 5 | 17 |
| Short | 25 | 17 | 25 | 33 |
| Adequate | 68 | 66 | 69 | 49 |
| Surplus | 3 | 11 | 1 | 1 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short | 10 | 9 | 4 | NA |
| Short | 27 | 26 | 30 | NA |
| Adequate | 60 | 57 | 65 | NA |
| Surplus | 3 | 8 | 1 | NA |

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cotton | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 1 | 2 | 6 | NA |
| Poor | 12 | 5 | 9 | NA |
| Fair..... | 31 | 26 | 50 | NA |
| Good | 49 | 56 | 30 | NA |
| Excellent..... | 7 | 11 | 5 | NA |
| Pasture and range | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 6 | 9 | 4 | 9 |
| Poor | 32 | 27 | 21 | 21 |
| Fair..... | 46 | 49 | 35 | 36 |
| Good | 11 | 11 | 34 | 28 |
| Excellent..... | 5 | 4 | 6 | 6 |
| Pecans | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Poor | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Fair..... | 10 | 10 | 2 | 14 |
| Good | 51 | 50 | 68 | 59 |
| Excellent..... | 39 | 40 | 30 | 27 |
| Sorghum | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | NA |
| Poor | 1 | 3 | 4 | NA |
| Fair..... | 21 | 30 | 52 | NA |
| Good | 59 | 54 | 31 | NA |
| Excellent..... | 19 | 13 | 13 | NA |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 1 | 1 | -- | 3 |
| Poor | 16 | 19 | 2 | 8 |
| Fair..... | 10 | 14 | 31 | 45 |
| Good | 35 | 37 | 51 | 36 |
| Excellent..... | 38 | 29 | 16 | 8 |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | 1 | 2 | NA |
| Poor | 4 | 4 | 3 | NA |
| Fair..... | 30 | 37 | 20 | NA |
| Good | 53 | 47 | 61 | NA |
| Excellent..... | 13 | 11 | 14 | NA |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | 6 | 10 | NA |
| Poor | 6 | 6 | 15 | NA |
| Fair..... | 39 | 31 | 25 | NA |
| Good | 54 | 56 | 50 | NA |
| Excellent..... | 1 | 1 | -- | 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-11112018.pdf

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