

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 25, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Abnormally cool temperatures blanketed much of the State for a second week, while below average precipitation levels allowed producers ample time to harvest row crops that remained in their fields, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Cattle continued to be turned out on winter grazing, although the transition between the cold nights and warmer days resulted in reports of some sick cattle. In Union County, strong winds damaged some of the corn crop that had yet to be harvested. Comments from Grant and Luna Counties indicated that some ranchers had a limited supply of hay because local supplies were being sold to adjacent drought-stricken areas. The United States Drought Monitor released on November 21 categorized exceptional drought (D4) rooted across 15.1 percent of New Mexico, unchanged from last week. Severe to extreme drought (D2-D3) was reportedly covering 20.8 percent of the State, with 15.2 percent and 5.6 percent categorized as D2 and D3, respectively. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse were entrenched across 74.0 percent of the State, an 18 percent improvement from last week. Drought-free conditions, at 26 percent, were last reported across a larger percentage of the State on December 5, 2017, nearly one year ago. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 62 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 69 percent last week, and 44 percent last year. Pasture and range condition was reported as 13 percent good to excellent, compared with 16 percent last week, and 40 percent last year. Precipitation was recorded at just 9 of the 46 reporting weather stations, with Navajo Whiskey Creek, at 0.55 inches, reporting the largest accumulation during the week. Average temperatures ranged from 7 degrees below to 2 degrees above normal. Daytime highs varied from 44 degrees at Angel Fire to 72 degrees at Roswell. Overnight lows ranged from 1 degree at El Vado Dam to 31 degrees at Santa Teresa. Pecan nut set was reported as 2 percent light, 48 percent moderate, and 50 percent heavy. Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 20 percent light, 10 percent moderate, and 5 percent severe. No hail damage was reported. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 4 percent light and 5 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 5 percent very short, 36 percent short, and 59 percent adequate. Stock water supplies were reported as 7 percent very short, 19 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

Note: This report concludes the weekly crop progress report for 2018. Next year's New Mexico weekly report will begin in April 2019.

Monthly reports will be released for December on Wednesday, January 2, 2019; for January on Monday, January 28, 2019; for February on Monday, February 25, 2019; and for March on Monday, March 25, 2019.

Our thanks to the weekly reporters for providing crop progress observations during the 2018 season.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Chile				
Red harvested.....	77	72	89	NA
Corn				
Harvested for grain.....	75	69	79	74
Cotton				
Harvested.....	68	58	71	73
Pecans				
Harvested.....	21	15	29	NA
Sorghum				
Mature.....	96	88	100	96
Harvested.....	68	40	74	69
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	48	39	40	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	48	32	46	NA

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.1	6.3	6.8	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	8	6	13	NA
Short.....	30	25	43	NA
Adequate	60	68	43	NA
Surplus	2	1	1	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	10	11	13	NA
Short.....	30	26	39	NA
Adequate	58	61	48	NA
Surplus	2	2	--	NA

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	12	11	3	NA
Poor	27	30	20	NA
Fair.....	48	43	37	NA
Good	12	12	35	NA
Excellent.....	1	4	5	NA
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	10	8	4	NA
Good	50	54	73	NA
Excellent.....	40	38	23	NA
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor	6	4	NA	NA
Fair.....	35	28	NA	NA
Good	49	50	NA	NA
Excellent.....	10	18	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	1	1	NA
Poor	15	9	5	NA
Fair.....	15	9	30	NA
Good	37	36	53	NA
Excellent.....	31	45	11	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	--	2	NA
Poor	5	5	4	NA
Fair.....	28	28	19	NA
Good	56	51	63	NA
Excellent.....	10	16	12	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	10	2	6	NA
Poor	10	14	12	NA
Fair.....	33	33	20	NA
Good	46	51	54	NA
Excellent.....	1	--	8	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/2018/NM-Weather-11252018.pdf

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