

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: East central portions of the state received above average rainfall but for the most part, dry conditions persisted according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture conditions improved to 41 percent adequate to surplus, up from 34 percent the previous week, but below 53 percent the previous year and the average of 52 percent. The United States Drought Monitor released on September 19 rated abnormally dry conditions or worse in 58.2 percent of the state, little change from last week's 58.3 percent. Moderate drought occurred in western portions of the state with severe drought conditions occurring mostly in portions of San Juan and McKinley Counties. Areas in the southeast were experiencing abnormally dry conditions with some areas in Chaves, Eddy and Lea counties experiencing moderate drought. Corn for silage harvest improved to 57 percent, compared to 49 percent last week. Wheat planted improved to 66 percent compared to 49 percent the previous week, while 36 percent of the crop had emerged compared to 21 percent the previous week. Green chile harvest increased slightly to 74 percent, compared with 72 percent last week, 75 percent the previous year and an average of 86 percent. Overall, alfalfa hay was 67 percent in good to excellent condition compared to 73 percent last week, 76 percent last year and an average of 64 percent. Pasture and range condition was 29 percent good to excellent compared to 27 percent the previous week, 14 percent the previous year, and an average of 36 percent. Pecan nut set was 14 percent light, 62 percent moderate and 23 percent heavy compared with 31 percent light, 59 percent moderate and 10 percent heavy the previous year. Hail damage in all crops was 4 percent light, 1 percent moderate and 1 percent severe compared with 2 percent light, 3 percent moderate and 2 percent severe last week. Wind damage in all crops was 8 percent light, 5 percent moderate and 1 percent severe compared with 8 percent light, 6 percent moderate and 1 percent severe last week. Stock water supplies were 27 percent very short, 39 percent short, 34 percent adequate compared with 28 percent very short, 36 percent short, 35 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
5 th cutting harvested.....	75	55	74	68
6 th cutting harvested	27	14	28	26
Chile				
Green harvested.....	74	72	75	86
Corn				
Doughed.....	82	72	93	93
Dented	68	56	76	74
Mature	42	29	47	35
Harvested for silage.....	57	49	68	65
Cotton				
Setting bolls.....	89	80	96	98
Bolls opening	36	27	35	46
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	66	49	66	49
Emerged	36	21	46	18

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	6.6	6.4	6.4	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	23	22	16	15
Short.....	36	44	31	33
Adequate	38	30	52	49
Surplus	3	4	1	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	25	20	41	18
Short.....	45	50	26	28
Adequate	30	30	32	52
Surplus	--	--	1	2

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	3
Poor	3	2	3	8
Fair.....	30	25	6	25
Good	55	58	62	50
Excellent.....	12	15	14	14
Corn				
Very poor.....	2	--	--	1
Poor	7	5	2	2
Fair.....	34	40	37	26
Good	32	35	40	45
Excellent.....	25	20	21	26
Cotton				
Very poor.....	2	1	--	1
Poor	18	18	6	8
Fair.....	47	45	32	37
Good	23	22	58	44
Excellent.....	10	14	4	10
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	12	13	16	8
Poor	23	25	35	19
Fair.....	36	35	35	37
Good	12	17	12	30
Excellent.....	17	10	2	6
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor	9	10	18	9
Fair.....	65	65	52	65
Good	26	25	30	24
Excellent.....	--	--	--	1
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	2	2	--	10
Good	49	54	89	68
Excellent.....	49	44	11	22
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	1	1	1
Poor	15	16	7	5
Fair.....	44	42	39	33
Good	21	30	44	54
Excellent.....	20	11	9	7
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	1	9	13
Poor	4	4	5	14
Fair.....	41	34	29	22
Good	46	51	54	47
Excellent.....	9	10	3	4

NA – not available

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