

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 13, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Most of the state remained dry, though above average rainfall was received in the southwestern and southern central counties of the state according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. There was an average of 6.2 days suitable for field work statewide compared to 5.4 last week. Comments from Eddy County indicated up to four inches of rain were received in some areas, but in northern areas more moisture was needed for fall wheat. The rains halted corn harvest in Curry County for several days where most of the crop was being used for silage. Corn harvest was proceeding slowly in Union County. Freezing temperatures occurred in parts of the state and hay and grass growth was slowed or halted. The green chile harvest sat at 97 percent complete, compared to 94 percent the previous week. Red chile harvest sat at 10 percent complete compared to 6 percent the previous week and an average of 29 percent. Corn for grain harvest increased slightly to 10 percent for the week, right in line with the average and up from last week's 3 percent. The United States Drought Monitor released on October 10 noted that severe drought (D2) was present across 7.6 percent of the state, an increase of about 0.8 percentage points from the previous week. Moderate drought (D1) was present across 10.5 percent of the state, a decrease of about 12.5 percentage points from the previous week. Abnormally dry conditions (D0) were noted across approximately 40.0 percent of the state, a drop of about 22.8 percentage points from the previous week. Drought free conditions were present across approximately 60.0 percent of the state. This was an improvement of 22.9 percentage points from the previous week and the result of the above average rainfall obtained the week ending October 6. Topsoil moisture levels were 55 percent adequate to surplus, the same as the average, and compared to 49 percent the previous week. Pasture and range condition was 21 percent good to excellent, compared with 23 percent the previous week and an average of 36 percent. Pecan nut set was reportedly 29 percent heavy, 59 percent moderate and 12 percent light compared with 15 percent heavy, 65 percent moderate and 20 percent light the previous year. Hail damage in all crops was reportedly 1 percent severe, 1 percent moderate and 2 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was 1 percent severe, 3 percent moderate and 9 percent light. Stock water supplies were reportedly 19 percent very short, 21 percent short, 55 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus compared to 20 percent very short, 30 percent short, 47 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
6 th cutting harvested	87	58	64	55
Chile				
Green harvested.....	97	94	NA	NA
Red harvested.....	10	6	21	29
Corn				
Dented.....	86	81	94	94
Mature.....	76	66	74	72
Harvested for grain.....	10	3	17	10
Harvested for silage.....	77	71	92	89
Cotton				
Bolls opening	79	60	65	77
Peanuts				
Harvested.....	15	5	21	24
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	90	85	91	86
Emerged.....	75	59	84	69

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	6.2	5.4	4.4	6.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	10	17	13	13
Short.....	35	34	21	32
Adequate	54	45	59	50
Surplus	1	4	7	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	15	22	26	14
Short.....	39	41	31	29
Adequate	45	36	40	55
Surplus	1	1	3	2

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)
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	2	1	1
Poor	7	5	2	2
Fair.....	39	34	30	24
Good	37	35	52	50
Excellent.....	16	24	15	23
Cotton				
Very poor.....	3	1	--	1
Poor	19	11	11	11
Fair.....	45	46	35	39
Good	26	32	48	41
Excellent.....	7	10	6	8
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	9	18	19	7
Poor	33	28	28	19
Fair.....	37	31	38	38
Good	16	15	11	29
Excellent.....	5	8	4	7
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor	7	9	13	9
Fair.....	61	65	59	68
Good	32	26	27	22
Excellent.....	--	--	1	--
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	1	--
Fair.....	4	2	5	11
Good	48	46	74	65
Excellent.....	48	52	20	24
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	NA	1	--
Poor	9	NA	8	10
Fair.....	25	NA	20	44
Good	56	NA	56	33
Excellent.....	9	NA	15	13
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	2
Poor	13	17	7	5
Fair.....	59	51	36	33
Good	22	21	40	51
Excellent.....	6	11	15	9
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	1	13	15
Poor	5	5	9	16
Fair.....	41	45	25	18
Good	48	39	52	48
Excellent.....	6	10	1	3

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