

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 27, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: While below average temperatures overtook the State, meaningful moisture remained elusive, with only the northeastern quarter receiving any trace of accumulation, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Overnight low temperatures dipped below freezing in many locations. Crops were quickly being harvested where field conditions allowed. Reports of heavy frosts with some damage to plants and grass were received from Chaves and Union Counties. Additionally, comments from Union County indicated that some livestock were sick, most likely due to the drastic changes in weather conditions. Ranchers in many areas continued hauling water to their herds due to low or dry ponds. Supplemental feeding increased for both cattle and sheep when compared with last week, and was well ahead of last year as well. The United States Drought Monitor released on October 24 noted that while the State remained free of exceptional and extreme drought (D3 and D4), prolonged dryness resulted in the expansion of severe drought (D2) into Catron County. Presently, 8.7 percent of the State was categorized in D2, an increase of 1.1 percentage points from last week. Moderate drought (D1) was now spread across 26.0 percent of the State, up from 10.5 percent last week. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse were evident across 60.8 percent of the State, an increase of 6.2 percentage points from last week. Drought-free conditions were present across 39.2 percent of the State. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 40 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 46 percent last week, 71 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 57 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 21 percent good to excellent, compared with 18 percent last week, 13 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 35 percent. Pecan nut set was reported as 16 percent light, 48 percent moderate, and 36 percent heavy, compared with 10 percent light, 65 percent moderate, and 25 percent heavy last year. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 4 percent light, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 8 percent light, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Stock water supplies were reported as 20 percent very short, 33 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 11 percent very short, 24 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus last year. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 40 percent very short, 24 percent short, 35 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 5 percent very short, 31 percent short, and 64 percent adequate last year.

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	92	82	77
Chile				
Red harvested	39	25	36	50
Corn				
Dented	95	89	NA	NA
Mature	88	81	87	87
Harvested for grain	35	17	33	31
Harvested for silage	95	90	NA	NA
Cotton				
Bolls opening	96	90	84	89
Harvested	12	7	13	22
Peanuts				
Harvested	64	35	41	48
Winter wheat				
Emerged	89	85	93	88
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed	60	55	48	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed	55	48	48	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	6.4	6.8	4.7	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	20	15	7	12
Short	40	39	22	31
Adequate	38	45	64	54
Surplus	2	1	7	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	20	18	15	13
Short	45	42	33	28
Adequate	34	40	48	57
Surplus	1	--	4	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.....	2	1	--	1
Poor.....	10	15	1	2
Fair.....	40	42	29	24
Good.....	33	29	52	49
Excellent.....	15	13	18	24
Cotton				
Very poor.....	4	2	1	2
Poor.....	15	18	10	10
Fair.....	48	49	35	39
Good.....	23	24	52	41
Excellent.....	10	7	2	8
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	20	14	18	8
Poor.....	30	32	29	19
Fair.....	29	36	40	38
Good.....	15	14	11	29
Excellent.....	6	4	2	6
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	9	9	10	NA
Fair.....	65	65	60	NA
Good.....	26	26	28	NA
Excellent.....	--	--	2	NA
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	2	1	7	11
Good.....	48	55	58	60
Excellent.....	50	44	35	29
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	5	2	2	1
Poor.....	10	15	22	10
Fair.....	31	28	16	39
Good.....	44	48	40	38
Excellent.....	10	7	20	12
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	2	1	1	1
Poor.....	16	18	3	4
Fair.....	45	52	43	32
Good.....	23	24	45	54
Excellent.....	14	5	8	9
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	6	2	15	13
Poor.....	10	6	8	13
Fair.....	42	47	23	21
Good.....	38	40	51	48
Excellent.....	4	5	3	5

NA – not available

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