

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 3, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Measurable moisture was limited to northern areas, although total accumulations remained well below normal, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Cold temperatures blanketed much of the State delivering ice, snow, or the first frost of the season. Row crop producers in many areas were busy harvesting the remaining chile, corn, cotton, and peanut crops. Conversely, reports from Union County noted that harvest was at a standstill for some producers due to ice and wind knocking the crops down. Ranchers worked to move their herds from summer grazing land to private pastures. Supplemental feeding continued to increase given the limited amount of grass availability. The United States Drought Monitor released on October 31 noted that the State remained free of exceptional and extreme drought (D3 and D4) despite a below average monsoon season and prolonged dryness as winter approaches. Severe drought (D2) remained entrenched across 8.7 percent of the State, unchanged from last week. Moderate drought (D1) was spread across 26.0 percent of the State, also unchanged from last week. The area categorized as abnormally dry (D0) was expanded to 30.1 percent, an increase of nearly 4 percentage points, as meaningful moisture continued to elude much of the State. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse were evident across 64.7 percent of the State. Drought-free conditions were present across 35.3 percent of the State, with the area mostly limited to the southeast. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 42 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 40 percent last week, 77 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 56 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 25 percent good to excellent, compared with 21 percent last week, 15 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 35 percent. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 3 percent light, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 8 percent light, 5 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Stock water supplies were reported as 22 percent very short, 33 percent short, 42 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared with 7 percent very short, 20 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus last year. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 35 percent very short, 25 percent short, 39 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 3 percent very short, 25 percent short, and 72 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	97	94	88	84
Chile				
Red harvested	64	39	44	57
Corn				
Mature	91	88	92	93
Harvested for grain	46	35	44	42
Cotton				
Harvested	25	12	17	32
Peanuts				
Harvested	85	64	46	61
Winter wheat				
Emerged	92	89	96	93
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed	64	60	33	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed	60	55	39	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	6.5	6.4	5.0	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	16	20	6	13
Short	42	40	17	31
Adequate	38	38	66	52
Surplus	4	2	11	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	21	20	9	12
Short	47	45	26	27
Adequate	31	34	57	58
Surplus	1	1	8	3

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
Poor	8	10	1	2
Fair.....	38	40	20	23
Good	31	33	57	48
Excellent.....	22	15	22	26
Cotton				
Very poor.....	3	4	2	1
Poor	19	15	5	8
Fair.....	48	48	26	40
Good	20	23	56	41
Excellent.....	10	10	11	10
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	15	20	9	7
Poor	28	30	27	19
Fair.....	32	29	49	39
Good	18	15	11	28
Excellent.....	7	6	4	7
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	3	2	10	11
Good	39	48	50	60
Excellent.....	58	50	40	29
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	5	1	--
Poor	15	10	19	10
Fair.....	36	31	14	40
Good	40	44	37	36
Excellent.....	8	10	29	14
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	2	1	2
Poor	13	16	4	4
Fair.....	49	45	37	32
Good	20	23	47	53
Excellent.....	18	14	11	9
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	6	6	12
Poor	5	10	6	14
Fair.....	47	42	31	22
Good	46	38	56	48
Excellent.....	2	4	1	4

NA – not available

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