

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 24, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: With winter on the horizon, field activity neared finality as the harvests for red chile, corn for grain, and cotton were winding down, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Ranchers across the State stayed busy hauling supplemental feed and water to their livestock. Topsoil moisture received a bump following a storm system that brought snowfall totals ranging from a trace to as much as 10 inches across the northern half of the State, and measurable rainfall in portions of the south, according to reporter comments. In Eddy County, stick-tights remained a concern for pecan producers with late-maturing varieties due to early freezes. The United States Drought Monitor released on November 21 noted that the State remained free of exceptional and extreme drought (D3 and D4). Severe drought (D2) continued to spread due to a prolonged lack of meaningful precipitation, and reportedly covered 12.9 percent of the State, an increase of 2.9 percentage points when compared with last week. The area classified in moderate drought (D1) showed a slight increase from last week. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse were evident across 73.0 percent of the State, unchanged from last week. Drought-free conditions were present across 27.0 percent of the State, with the area mostly limited to the southeast. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 43 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 40 percent last week and 62 percent last year. Pasture and range condition was reported as 19 percent good to excellent, compared with 23 percent last week and 13 percent last year. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 2 percent light, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light, 4 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 20 percent very short, 35 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 5 percent very short, 36 percent short, and 59 percent adequate last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 25 percent very short, 33 percent short, 40 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 7 percent very short, 19 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last year.

Note: This report concludes the weekly crop progress report for 2019. Next year's New Mexico weekly report will begin in April 2020.

Monthly reports will be released for December on Thursday, January 2, 2020; for January on Monday, January 27, 2020; for February on Monday, February 24, 2020; and for March on Monday, March 30, 2020.

Our thanks to the weekly reporters for providing crop progress observations during the 2019 season.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Chile				
Red harvested	89	88	76	NA
Corn				
Harvested for grain	79	72	74	68
Cotton				
Harvested	79	60	67	69
Pecans				
Harvested	18	13	20	NA
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed	64	63	48	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed	65	61	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.....	5.5	6.8	6.1	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	22	26	8	NA
Short.....	35	34	30	NA
Adequate.....	40	37	60	NA
Surplus.....	3	3	2	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	27	25	10	NA
Short.....	41	41	30	NA
Adequate.....	31	33	58	NA
Surplus.....	1	1	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.....	14	12	12	NA
Poor.....	30	29	27	NA
Fair.....	37	36	48	NA
Good.....	14	15	12	NA
Excellent.....	5	8	1	NA
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	10	8	--	NA
Fair.....	6	3	10	NA
Good.....	41	46	50	NA
Excellent.....	43	43	40	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	--	2	NA
Poor.....	12	9	15	NA
Fair.....	30	28	15	NA
Good.....	40	43	37	NA
Excellent.....	16	20	31	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	NA
Poor.....	15	12	5	NA
Fair.....	42	44	28	NA
Good.....	25	22	56	NA
Excellent.....	17	21	10	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	1	5	10	NA
Poor.....	9	5	10	NA
Fair.....	49	45	33	NA
Good.....	40	44	46	NA
Excellent.....	1	1	1	NA

NA – not available

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