

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 25, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Dry weather continued, providing producers with ample time for fieldwork activities, but doing little to improve the prolonged drought conditions, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Depending on location, farmers were busy harvesting chile, corn, cotton, peanuts, and pecans, or were planting triticale and winter wheat. Reports from Union County noted that the sorghum harvest was complete. Dry, sunny days allowed for healthy harvest progress in both the cotton and peanuts during the week, advancing 28 and 14 percentage points, respectively. Statewide, 64 percent of the red chile crop was harvested, compared with 35 percent last year and a 5-year average of 48 percent. According to the United States Drought Monitor released on October 22, the entire State is suffering from moderate drought or worse. With conditions worsening, moderate drought (D1) decreased to cover 14.7 percent of the State, down from 15.8 percent last week. Severe drought (D2) decreased to cover 18.2 percent of the State, down 12.5 percentage points from last week. Extreme drought (D3) increased from 46.7 percent last week to cover 59.9 percent of the State this week, an increase of 13.1 percentage points. The percentage of the State in exceptional drought (D4) increased to 7.2 percent. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 88 percent short to very short, compared with 92 percent last week, 60 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 46 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 43 percent poor to very poor, compared with 48 percent last week, 50 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 29 percent. Pecan nut set was reported as 3 percent light, 68 percent moderate, and 29 percent heavy, compared with 16 percent light, 48 percent moderate, and 36 percent heavy last year. Hail damage across all crops was reported as 1 percent light. Wind damage across all crops was reported as 15 percent light and 3 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 20 percent very short, 41 percent short, 37 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus compared with 19 percent very short, 34 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 22 percent very short, 38 percent short, and 40 percent adequate, compared with 20 percent very short, 37 percent short, and 43 percent adequate 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	93	86	NA	NA
6 th cutting harvested	63	50	93	77
Chile				
Red harvested	64	47	35	48
Corn				
Mature	91	80	86	83
Harvested for grain	38	28	30	26
Harvested for silage	92	90	94	95
Cotton				
Bolls opening	79	68	94	90
Harvested	32	4	11	21
Peanuts				
Harvested	39	25	56	45
Pecans				
Harvested	1	NA	--	NA
Winter wheat				
Planted	92	84	98	96
Emerged	74	63	88	87
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed	76	76	60	53
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed	78	78	55	56

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	6.8	6.4	6.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	45	47	20	11
Short	43	45	40	35
Adequate	12	8	38	51
Surplus	--	--	2	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	47	43	20	11
Short	40	47	45	31
Adequate	13	10	34	56
Surplus	--	--	1	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)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	2	2	NA	NA
Poor	7	9	NA	NA
Fair.....	23	17	NA	NA
Good.....	48	51	NA	NA
Excellent.....	20	21	NA	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	1	2	1
Poor	8	5	10	3
Fair.....	20	16	40	27
Good.....	19	19	33	48
Excellent.....	52	59	15	21
Cotton				
Very poor.....	5	5	4	2
Poor	21	22	15	12
Fair.....	52	56	48	39
Good.....	15	12	23	41
Excellent.....	7	5	10	6
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	12	12	20	9
Poor	31	36	30	20
Fair.....	42	35	29	38
Good.....	8	12	15	27
Excellent.....	7	5	6	6
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	5	4	--	NA
Poor	20	20	9	NA
Fair.....	33	36	65	NA
Good.....	42	40	26	NA
Excellent.....	--	--	--	NA
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor	5	4	--	--
Fair.....	32	30	2	6
Good.....	63	66	48	59
Excellent.....	--	--	50	35
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	1	5	2
Poor	53	51	10	12
Fair.....	24	20	31	29
Good.....	12	9	44	43
Excellent.....	10	19	10	14
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	2	2	1
Poor	13	11	16	5
Fair.....	43	40	45	33
Good.....	25	23	23	50
Excellent.....	18	24	14	11
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	12	15	6	10
Poor	18	15	10	10
Fair.....	32	30	42	23
Good.....	38	40	38	51
Excellent.....	--	--	4	6

NA – not available

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