NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 8, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Despite precipitation in some areas again this week, harvest remained active across all crops, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. With precipitation confined mostly to central and western locations, converted moisture totals – accounting for any precipitation received as snow – ranged from a trace to as much as 3 inches. Temperatures during the same period were warmer than normal. With pasture grass depleted in many areas, the amount of supplemental feeding needed to sustain livestock continued to creep higher, with current estimates for cattle and calves 12 percentage points higher than last year and 24 percentage points higher than normal. Triticale and wheat continued to be planted. Reports from Chaves County noted that up to 12 inches of snow was received during last week's storm, leading to some concern from pecan growers over the affects that the cold temperatures potentially had on trees. According to the United States Drought Monitor released on November 5, drought conditions changed only slightly from last week. Moderate drought (D1) covered 15.2 percent of the State, severe drought (D2) was present across 18.6 percent, extreme drought (D3) covered 59.0 percent, and 7.2 percent of the State was categorized in exceptional drought (D4). Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 80 percent short to very short, compared with 80 percent last week, 58 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 45 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 42 percent poor to very poor, compared with 37 percent last week, 43 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 29 percent. Hail damage in across all crops was reported as 1 percent light. Wind damage across all crops was reported as 5 percent light and 5 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 21 percent very short, 43 percent short, and 36 percent adequate, compared with 22 percent very short, 38 percent short, 38 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 22 percent very short, 42 percent short, and 36 percent adequate, compared with 20 percent very short, 41 percent short, and 39 percent adequate last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
6th cutting harvested	85	77	NA	NA
Chile				
Red harvested	79	71	79	71
Corn				
Harvested for grain	60	42	57	52
Cotton				
Bolls opening	89	84	NA	NA
Harvested	56	41	36	42
Peanuts				
Harvested	84	66	91	76
Pecans				
Harvested	3	2	2	9
Winter wheat				
Emerged	82	77	94	NA
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed	76	73	64	52
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed	76	75	60	57

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....................................	6.6	5.0	6.5	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short..	38	40	17	10
Short..	42	40	41	35
Adequate..	17	15	41	53
Surplus...	3	5	1	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short..	40	43	18	10
Short..	42	40	48	33
Adequate..	16	15	34	56
Surplus...	2	2	--	1

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	1	1	NA
Poor	8	9	5	NA
Fair...	28	26	35	NA
Good	14	10	35	NA
Excellent	49	54	24	NA
Cotton				
Very poor...	5	5	4	NA
Poor	22	23	18	NA
Fair...	52	53	44	NA
Good	14	11	27	NA
Excellent	7	8	7	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor...	12	9	11	6
Poor	30	28	32	23
Fair...	43	45	33	38
Good	12	14	15	26
Excellent	3	4	9	7
Pecans				
Very poor...	--	1	--	--
Poor	4	3	6	1
Fair...	30	31	1	7
Good	66	65	44	56
Excellent	--	--	49	36
Winter wheat				
Very poor...	--	--	1	--
Poor	62	55	10	10
Fair...	22	25	30	30
Good	5	9	45	42
Excellent	11	11	14	18
Cattle and calves				
Very poor...	7	2	--	1
Poor	12	13	13	5
Fair...	40	40	46	31
Good	28	32	21	50
Excellent	13	13	20	13
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor...	5	10	1	8
Poor	18	21	3	10
Fair...	42	35	48	28
Good	35	34	48	52
Excellent	--	--	--	2

NA – not available

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