NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 22, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: With the growing season winding down, and producers wrapping up row crop harvest, another week of limited precipitation resulted in further expansion of drought conditions, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Converted moisture totals – accounting for any precipitation received as snow – were well under 1 inch during the week. The precipitation that did fall was confined to north-central locations. Cattle continued to be moved to winter grazing, as supplemental feeding remained high despite tight high supplies. According to the United States Drought Monitor released on November 19, the entire State was suffering from moderate drought or worse. With conditions worsening due to a weak monsoon and limited fall moisture, moderate drought (D1) was reduced to cover less than 1 percent of the State. Severe drought (D2) was present across 26.6 percent of the State, a decrease of 3.4 percentage points from last week. Extreme drought (D3) covered an area accounting for 41.0 percent, down 14.0 percentage points from last week. Exceptional drought (D4) more than doubled in size for a second consecutive week to cover 38,852 square miles, or 32.0 percent of the State. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 81 percent short to very short, compared with 79 percent last week, 57 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 54 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 54 percent poor to very poor, compared with 55 percent last week, 44 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 28 percent. Hail damage across all crops was reported as 1 percent light. Wind damage across all crops was reported as 15 percent light and 5 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 20 percent very short, 48 percent short, and 32 percent adequate, compared with 22 percent very short, 40 percent short, 36 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 24 percent very short, 47 percent short, and 29 percent adequate, compared with 25 percent very short, 44 percent short, and 31 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	94	89	NA	NA
Chile				
Red harvested	91	84	89	85
Corn				
Harvested for grain	85	79	77	69
Cotton				
Harvested...	72	68	74	71
Peanuts				
Harvested...	95	91	NA	NA
Pecans				
Harvested...	5	4	17	20
Winter wheat				
Emerged	92	88	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed............................	82	82	64	56
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed............................	85	83	65	61

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	6.6	5.5	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short...	32	32	22	13
Short...	49	47	35	41
Adequate...	16	18	40	44
Surplus...	3	3	3	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short...	40	42	27	14
Short...	45	43	41	34
Adequate...	13	13	31	51
Surplus...	2	2	1	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)
Pasture and range				
Very poor..	24	20	14	7
Poor	30	35	30	21
Fair..	39	36	37	41
Good	6	8	14	26
Excellent	1	1	5	5
Pecans				
Very poor..	--	--	--	--
Poor	6	5	10	2
Fair..	32	32	6	8
Good	62	63	41	56
Excellent	--	--	43	34
Winter wheat				
Very poor..	1	1	2	1
Poor	66	65	12	11
Fair..	23	23	30	30
Good	4	5	40	42
Excellent	6	6	16	16
Cattle and calves				
Very poor..	9	10	1	1
Poor	13	12	15	6
Fair..	44	45	42	30
Good	26	25	25	51
Excellent	8	8	17	12
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor..	2	3	1	9
Poor	18	18	9	12
Fair..	45	39	49	27
Good	35	40	40	48
Excellent	--	--	1	4

NA – not available

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