

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 30, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Rainfall was received over much of eastern and southern New Mexico during the week, with heavier accumulations concentrated over eastern counties, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Statewide, topsoil moisture was reported as 46 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 47 percent last week, 24 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 48 percent, while 45 percent of the pastures and ranges were reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 39 percent last week, 24 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 24 percent. Comments from reporters showed a light frost in areas caused some damage in chilies and cotton. Light rains have delayed corn harvest; however, fire danger remains high in some areas. Converted moisture totals during the past week ranged from approximately 1 inch in a few isolated areas to only a trace or none across large portions of the State. The heaviest accumulations were noted in limited areas of Catron, Curry, Lincoln, Otero, and Quay Counties. Large areas in central New Mexico saw weekly accumulations ranging from 0.5 to 2 inches. With some reduction of drought noted, isolated areas in a few counties continued to register yearly rainfall accumulation at or below 25 percent of normal. Conversely, yearly precipitation for an area centered over portions of Catron, Cibola, and Socorro Counties totaled 200 percent of normal or more. According to the United States Drought Monitor for October 25, exceptional drought (D4) continued its hold across a small portion of land in Union County. Extreme drought (D3) was noted across 6.8 percent of the State, unchanged from last week, severe drought (D2) covered 14.5 percent, down 1.6 percentage points from a week ago, while moderate drought (D1) decreased 1.4 percentage points to 24.6 percent. Abnormally dryness (D0) continued to expand, with 49.0 percent of New Mexico classified in the category, up 3 percentage points from last week. Drought-free conditions covered 4.9 percent of the State, unchanged from a week ago. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent light and 1 percent moderate. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent light, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 15 percent very short, 32 percent short, 52 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 9 percent very short, 32 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 16 percent very short, 29 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 14 percent very short, 32 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus 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	68	61	47	76
Chile				
Red harvested	81	78	74	61
Corn				
Mature	87	81	NA	NA
Harvested for grain	15	12	28	38
Harvested for silage	88	83	NA	NA
Cotton				
Bolls opening	77	75	83	NA
Harvested	11	--	3	20
Onions				
Planted	57	47	NA	NA
Emerged	9	7	NA	NA
Peanuts				
Harvested	55	40	48	55
Pecans				
Harvested	9	7	1	4
Winter wheat				
Planted	95	91	95	NA
Emerged	80	78	87	89
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed	48	40	34	48
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed	31	25	43	52

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	6.2	6.8	6.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	20	15	34	20
Short	34	38	42	32
Adequate	42	43	22	43
Surplus	4	4	2	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	15	20	38	23
Short	41	45	41	35
Adequate	42	33	20	39
Surplus	2	2	1	3

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Corn				
Very poor.....	2	1	--	1
Poor	2	7	2	4
Fair.....	5	14	42	32
Good	44	40	31	35
Excellent.....	47	38	25	28
Cotton				
Very poor.....	3	--	--	2
Poor	21	17	16	13
Fair.....	37	31	37	45
Good	29	37	43	32
Excellent.....	10	15	4	8
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	4	1	15	10
Poor	24	24	18	24
Fair.....	27	26	43	42
Good	36	28	18	19
Excellent.....	9	11	6	5
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	5	5	--	NA
Poor	7	7	7	NA
Fair.....	75	75	33	NA
Good	13	13	60	NA
Excellent.....	--	--	--	NA
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	8	2
Poor	3	3	10	3
Fair.....	3	3	6	10
Good	37	33	73	59
Excellent.....	57	61	3	26
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	--	1	1
Poor	5	12	14	21
Fair.....	48	44	23	27
Good	31	33	41	34
Excellent.....	15	11	21	17
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	3	--	3	2
Poor	6	2	8	8
Fair.....	31	32	30	37
Good	43	46	39	39
Excellent.....	17	20	20	14
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	5	--	5	6
Poor	7	1	9	10
Fair.....	27	36	29	32
Good	52	61	50	49
Excellent.....	9	2	7	3

NA – not available

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