

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 13, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Light precipitation was received over portions of northwestern New Mexico during the week, while other counties remained dry, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Statewide, topsoil moisture was reported as 48 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 49 percent last week, 21 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 41 percent, while 51 percent of the pastures and ranges were reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 49 percent last week, 26 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 24 percent. Comments from reporters noted little moisture was received and overnight low temperatures were cold. Corn for grain harvest progressed quickly amidst dry weather, but remained behind average at 35 percent harvested, compared with 58 percent last year and a 5-year average of 66 percent. Comments from Union County noted sorghum and millet harvest was nearly complete. Area livestock producers continued moving cattle to graze post-harvest residues. Converted moisture totals during the past week ranged from approximately 0.25 inches in a few isolated areas to only a trace or none across the rest of the State. Accumulations were noted in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and McKinley Counties. Most counties outside the northwest corner of New Mexico did not receive moisture. 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 November 8, exceptional drought (D4) continued its hold across a portion of land in Union County. Extreme drought (D3) was noted across 4.7 percent of the State, unchanged from last week, severe drought (D2) covered 15.6 percent, up 0.1 percentage points from a week ago, while moderate drought (D1) decreased 0.1 percentage points to 21.7 percent. Abnormal dryness (D0) was unchanged from last week, with 51.0 percent of New Mexico classified in the category. Drought-free conditions covered 6.8 percent of the State, unchanged from a week ago. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 2 percent light and 1 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 12 percent very short, 23 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared with 8 percent very short, 28 percent short, 54 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 11 percent very short, 25 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus, compared with 16 percent very short, 29 percent short, 54 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	90	82	78	NA
Chile				
Red harvested	90	84	82	80
Corn				
Mature	97	93	NA	NA
Harvested for grain	35	18	58	66
Harvested for silage	96	92	NA	NA
Cotton				
Bolls opening	90	86	94	NA
Harvested	35	25	29	46
Onions				
Planted	80	60	NA	NA
Emerged	25	16	NA	NA
Peanuts				
Harvested	81	76	85	86
Pecans				
Harvested	16	11	19	13
Winter wheat				
Emerged	94	91	93	NA
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed	55	43	34	52
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed	31	26	50	55

NA – not available
 (–) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.5	6.4	6.5	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	17	12	42	22
Short	35	39	37	37
Adequate	44	45	19	39
Surplus	4	4	2	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	20	14	41	25
Short	42	46	39	37
Adequate	36	38	19	37
Surplus	2	2	1	1

NA – not available
 (–) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Corn				
Very poor.....	2	--	--	NA
Poor	2	3	3	NA
Fair.....	5	7	38	NA
Good	35	40	36	NA
Excellent.....	56	50	23	NA
Cotton				
Very poor.....	3	--	--	NA
Poor	21	15	15	NA
Fair.....	37	38	39	NA
Good	29	32	45	NA
Excellent.....	10	15	1	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	3	2	21	13
Poor	19	17	20	26
Fair.....	27	32	33	37
Good	36	40	20	19
Excellent.....	15	9	6	5
Pecans				
Very poor.....	1	--	13	3
Poor	3	3	18	6
Fair.....	3	3	10	11
Good	37	37	57	59
Excellent.....	56	57	2	21
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	3	--	4	1
Poor	4	--	11	19
Fair.....	39	43	19	23
Good	39	44	37	35
Excellent.....	15	13	29	22
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	1	4	3
Poor	4	3	8	8
Fair.....	30	32	25	33
Good	45	49	40	40
Excellent.....	20	15	23	16
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	3	--	9	5
Poor	7	1	9	11
Fair.....	21	19	32	34
Good	49	54	47	48
Excellent.....	20	26	3	2

NA – not available

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