NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING MAY 28, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: It was a cold, wet week in New Mexico, with significant rainfall across the State and maximum daily temperatures six degrees below average. Despite the rain there were still 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. There was a report of winter wheat being harvested for silage in Doña Ana County. Rio Arriba and Taos Counties reported no freeze damage to crops but some early morning frost, chilly evening to early morning temperatures, and daytime temperatures rising into the 70s with some windy conditions. Union County reported their west half received some damaging hail and rainfall, more than 5" in some areas that ran into most of the roads and was still standing in fields. Large amounts of hail were received in Roswell and Carlsbad. Freeze and wind damage were slightly increased but still minimal last week throughout the State. There was a large dry line that affected the State eastward of Ruidoso County. At least one tornado touched down in Curry County Wednesday evening, moving close to the towns of Grady and Broadview and north of Clovis. The National Integrated Drought Information System predicts more rain next week throughout the entire state with higher chances of rainfall in the northern western part of the State. After a week of rain, the United States Drought Monitor categorized 51.7 percent of New Mexico as drought-free; an increase from 48.4 percent of the State previously. The rest of the State was categorized as 16.0 percent abnormally dry (D0), 13.4 percent moderate drought (D1), 15.9 percent severe drought (D2), 3.0 percent extreme drought (D3), and none categorized as exceptional drought (D4). Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 35 percent very short, 29 percent short, 28 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 29 percent very short, 17 percent short, 44 percent adequate and 10 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
1st cutting harvested	41	40	76	71
2nd cutting harvested	2	--	NA	NA
Chile				
Planted	95	92	NA	NA
Emerged	55	44	94	84
Corn				
Planted	79	73	65	73
Emerged	28	20	38	46
Cotton				
Planted	60	51	68	73
Emerged	30	14	35	44
Onions				
Harvested	8	NA	NA	NA
Peanuts				
Planted	37	26	51	44
Emerged	12	NA	24	NA
Winter Wheat				
Headed	76	63	84	NA
Cattle and Calves				
Cows calved	88	87	NA	NA
Receiving supplemental feed	73	72	85	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed	93	91	NA	NA
Receiving supplemental feed	46	41	75	NA

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELD WORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.2	6.4	6.1	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short..	17	26	54	40
Short	35	41	34	33
Adequate...	40	31	12	26
Surplus...	8	2	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short..	21	30	56	42
Short	53	53	37	38
Adequate...	25	16	7	20
Surplus...	1	1	--	--

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor..	--	8	1	5
Poor	5	9	8	6
Fair..	26	32	30	29
Good	32	23	51	53
Excellent..	37	28	10	7
Onions				
Very poor..	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	5	1
Fair..	5	--	20	10
Good	44	40	60	43
Excellent..	51	60	15	46
Chile Peppers				
Very poor..	--	NA	6	2
Poor	34	NA	13	8
Fair..	25	NA	41	30
Good	28	NA	25	45
Excellent..	13	NA	15	15
Pasture and Range				
Very poor..	7	13	18	17
Poor	30	33	35	35
Fair..	32	29	38	33
Good	27	20	8	11
Excellent..	4	5	1	4
Winter wheat				
Very poor..	11	20	62	25
Poor	24	33	22	23
Fair..	31	23	4	24
Good	9	8	3	15
Excellent..	25	16	9	13
Cattle and calves				
Very poor..	2	1	2	3
Poor	5	7	17	13
Fair..	38	38	36	37
Good	35	30	33	36
Excellent..	20	24	12	11
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor..	--	4	1	10
Poor	4	7	10	9
Fair..	29	38	36	36
Good	53	44	46	42
Excellent..	14	7	7	3

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(--) – zero