

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Most of New Mexico saw above-normal precipitation and at to below-normal temperatures last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Green chile harvest significantly increased to 61 percent complete, up from 49 percent last week. The cotton crop was 80 percent squared and 60 percent was setting bolls, including 17 percent that had bolls opening. Winter Wheat planting continued and was 5 percent complete. Most cattle and sheep were observed to be in good condition, coming in at 42 percent and 75 percent, respectively.

According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data, the parched southwestern counties of the State received the highest amounts of precipitation last week, as areas of Chaves, Eddy, and Lea County recorded up to 3.5 inches. The rest of the State saw amounts up to 2.5 inches, but the northern corners saw little to no precipitation last week. According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC), temperatures across most the State hovered right around normal for this time of year. San Juan County saw temperatures up to 3 degrees above normal, while parts of Grant and Torrance County saw temperatures up to 5 degrees below normal. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for August 27, the State remains free from exceptional drought (D4) conditions. Extreme drought (D3) conditions remained unchanged at 8 percent, severe drought (D2) remained at 14 percent, and moderate drought (D1) conditions increased to 23 percent. Drought-free (D0) conditions also increased to 37 percent. The worst of the drought conditions continue to be in parts of Chaves, Eddy, and Otero Counties.

Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent moderate and 1 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent severe, 1 percent moderate, and 2 percent light. Pecan nut set was reported as 24 percent heavy, 60 percent moderate, and 16 percent light. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 25 percent very short, 42 percent short, 32 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 21 percent very short, 43 percent short, 35 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 32 percent very short, 43 percent short, 23 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 32 percent very short, 40 percent short, 26 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
3 rd cutting harvested	80	70	83	NA
4 th cutting harvested	53	45	30	59
5 th cutting harvested	20	15	NA	NA
Chile				
Green harvested	61	49	63	60
Corn				
Silking	75	62	79	NA
Doughed	35	23	36	53
Dented	27	16	7	24
Harvested for silage	25	10	NA	NA
Cotton				
Squaring	80	65	92	NA
Setting Bolls	60	46	65	72
Bolls Opening	17	10	--	5
Winter Wheat				
Planted	5	2	NA	NA
Cattle and Calves				
Receiving supplemental feed	32	20	NA	NA
Sheep and Lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed	5	16	NA	NA

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.6	6.9	7.0	6.8
Topsoil Moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	21	27	46	29
Short	40	35	40	42
Adequate	31	34	14	27
Surplus	8	4	--	2
Subsoil Moisture				
Very short	26	21	50	33
Short	45	42	34	44
Adequate	26	35	16	22
Surplus	3	2	--	1

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)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	1	2	--	1
Poor	3	4	--	3
Fair	21	26	14	21
Good	52	54	48	52
Excellent	23	14	38	23
Chile				
Very poor	3	--	NA	NA
Poor	3	5	NA	NA
Fair	16	25	NA	NA
Good	36	40	NA	NA
Excellent	42	30	NA	NA
Corn				
Very poor	4	6	--	1
Poor	15	24	4	5
Fair	28	29	19	36
Good	14	11	28	26
Excellent	39	30	49	32
Cotton				
Very Poor.....	3	6	--	2
Poor.....	25	31	8	19
Fair.....	30	39	39	44
Good.....	18	9	17	22
Excellent.....	24	15	36	13
Pasture and range				
Very Poor.....	9	10	6	10
Poor	38	34	14	26
Fair.....	35	31	24	33
Good	6	15	25	20
Excellent	12	10	31	11
Pecans				
Very Poor	--	1	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	1	2
Fair.....	21	21	1	11
Good	36	33	5	48
Excellent.....	42	44	93	39
Cattle and calves				
Very Poor	2	3	1	4
Poor	5	9	4	7
Fair.....	39	45	28	34
Good	42	33	27	34
Excellent	12	10	40	21
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	1	8	7
Poor	--	2	8	7
Fair.....	21	19	29	28
Good	75	72	48	50
Excellent	4	6	7	8

NA – not available

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