

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Most of New Mexico saw cooler but drier than normal days last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Green chile harvest increased to 70 percent complete, up from 61 percent last week. The cotton crop was 85 percent squared and 65 percent was setting bolls, including 21 percent that had bolls opening. Winter Wheat planting progressed significantly to 15 percent complete. Most cattle and sheep were observed to be in good condition, coming in at 33 percent and 42 percent, respectively.

According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data, Southeastern New Mexico received the highest amounts of precipitation last week, as areas of Chaves, Eddy, and Lea County recorded over 2 inches. The rest of the State saw amounts up to 1.5 inches last week, but the southwestern and northeastern corners of the State saw little to none. According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC), temperatures across most the State were at or below average last week. San Juan County saw temperatures up to 4 degrees above normal, while parts of Otero and Eddy County saw temperatures up to 6 degrees below normal. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for September 3, the State remains free from exceptional drought (D4) conditions. Extreme drought (D3) conditions decreased to just under 5 percent, severe drought (D2) increased to 16 percent, and moderate drought (D1) conditions decreased to 22 percent. Drought-free (D0) conditions decreased to just under 36 percent. The worst of the drought conditions are now in parts of Eddy and Otero County.

Hail damage in all crops was reported as 4 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 5 percent moderate and 8 percent light. Pecan nut set was reported as 15 percent heavy, 70 percent moderate, and 15 percent light. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 18 percent very short, 33 percent short, and 49 percent adequate, compared with 25 percent very short, 42 percent short, 32 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 23 percent very short, 40 percent short, and 37 percent adequate, compared with 32 percent very short, 43 percent short, 23 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	91	80	85	NA
4 th cutting harvested	71	53	54	75
5 th cutting harvested	31	20	NA	NA
Chile				
Green harvested	70	61	65	68
Corn				
Silking	85	75	83	NA
Doughed	50	35	41	64
Dented	40	27	12	35
Harvested for silage	30	25	--	24
Cotton				
Squaring	85	80	93	NA
Setting Bolls	65	60	69	NA
Bolls Opening	21	17	2	10
Winter Wheat				
Planted	15	5	NA	NA
Cattle and Calves				
Receiving supplemental feed	47	32	NA	NA
Sheep and Lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed	12	5	NA	NA

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.6	6.6	7.0	6.6
Topsoil Moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	19	21	45	30
Short	33	40	42	44
Adequate	40	31	13	24
Surplus	8	8	--	2
Subsoil Moisture				
Very short	20	26	44	33
Short	50	45	43	45
Adequate	30	26	13	21
Surplus	--	3	--	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)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	2	1	--	1
Poor	5	3	3	5
Fair	30	21	9	24
Good	43	52	41	48
Excellent	20	23	47	22
Corn				
Very poor	3	4	2	2
Poor	20	15	5	4
Fair	18	28	19	34
Good	9	14	34	27
Excellent	50	39	40	33
Cotton				
Very Poor	4	3	--	2
Poor	29	25	16	20
Fair	34	30	35	41
Good	12	18	21	23
Excellent	21	24	28	14
Pasture and range				
Very Poor	8	9	7	12
Poor	29	38	23	27
Fair	29	35	25	34
Good	13	6	18	18
Excellent	21	12	27	9
Pecans				
Very Poor	--	--	1	1
Poor	1	1	1	3
Fair	20	21	1	12
Good	37	36	6	47
Excellent	42	42	91	37
Cattle and calves				
Very Poor	2	2	2	4
Poor	7	5	2	8
Fair	29	39	34	36
Good	33	42	28	32
Excellent	29	12	34	20
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	1	--	2	6
Poor	6	--	2	6
Fair	30	21	30	31
Good	62	75	56	49
Excellent	1	4	10	8

NA – not available
 (--) – zero