

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 6, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: October began with very low amounts of precipitation in New Mexico last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Red chile harvest continued to progress and was 26 percent complete by week's end. The corn crop was 90 percent doughed, and silage harvest was 65 percent complete. Grain corn harvest began, and was 1 percent complete. Onion planting continued and was 15 percent complete. Winter wheat planting increased to 93 percent complete, with 19 percent of the crop emerged. Most cattle were reported in excellent condition, at 35 percent, while sheep were observed to be in good condition, at 76 percent.

According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data, the small amounts of precipitation throughout the State were limited to the northeastern and western counties. Parts of San Miguel and Mora County received up to 0.5 inch, while portions of Cibola and Catron County recorded up to 0.3 inch. The rest of the State recorded less than 0.2 inch, with nearly all southern counties receiving no measurable moisture. According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC), temperatures were well above normal. Most northern and western counties saw temperatures up to 10 degrees above normal, while most southeastern counties saw temperatures up to 6 degrees above normal. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for October 1, the State continues to remain free from exceptional drought (D4) conditions. Extreme drought (D3) conditions increased from last week to 3 percent, severe drought (D2) conditions remained unchanged at 15 percent, moderate drought (D1) conditions remained unchanged, at 17 percent, and abnormally dry (D0) conditions remained unchanged at 37 percent. Drought-free conditions also remained unchanged, at 28 percent.

No hail damage was reported. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 9 percent severe, 9 percent moderate, and 9 percent light. Pecan nut set was reported as 48 percent heavy, 45 percent moderate, and 7 percent light. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 8 percent very short, 31 percent short, 54 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus, compared with 15 percent very short, 30 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 24 percent very short, 30 percent short, and 46 percent adequate, compared with 26 percent very short, 37 percent short, and 37 percent adequate last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
5 th cutting harvested	82	80	26	66
6 th cutting harvested	20	15	11	24
Chile				
Red harvested	26	18	26	30
Corn				
Doughed	90	85	83	NA
Dented	68	65	58	NA
Mature	44	27	17	54
Harvested for grain	1	NA	NA	NA
Harvested for silage	65	60	27	66
Cotton				
Bolls Opening	54	50	32	48
Onions				
Planted	15	10	9	NA
Winter Wheat				
Planted	93	68	69	76
Emerged	19	10	39	52
Cattle and Calves				
Receiving supplemental feed	50	47	NA	NA
Sheep and Lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed	30	28	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	7.0	7.0	6.8	6.3
Topsoil Moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	19	20	35	27
Short	40	43	47	43
Adequate	36	31	16	28
Surplus	5	6	2	2
Subsoil Moisture				
Very short	26	26	34	32
Short	41	46	50	44
Adequate	28	26	16	23
Surplus	5	2	--	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	--	--	--	1
Poor	--	--	--	4
Fair	4	12	26	28
Good	67	68	61	53
Excellent	29	20	13	14
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	7	3
Poor	--	--	7	6
Fair	27	26	25	26
Good	19	21	31	31
Excellent	54	53	30	34
Cotton				
Very Poor	--	--	--	1
Poor	12	10	11	17
Fair	25	20	29	42
Good	31	29	27	27
Excellent	32	41	33	13
Pasture and range				
Very Poor.....	12	9	7	11
Poor.....	28	35	29	25
Fair.....	26	29	37	37
Good.....	6	6	14	17
Excellent.....	28	21	13	10
Pecans				
Very Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	2	2
Fair.....	9	6	3	8
Good.....	34	28	2	49
Excellent.....	57	66	93	41
Cattle and calves				
Very Poor.....	3	--	2	2
Poor.....	11	6	4	9
Fair.....	19	25	27	36
Good.....	32	38	34	33
Excellent.....	35	31	33	20
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	14	9
Poor	2	--	13	10
Fair.....	17	18	26	34
Good.....	76	81	45	43
Excellent	5	1	2	4

NA – not available
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