

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 20, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: New Mexico saw record amounts of rainfall and major flooding in some areas last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Red chile harvest continued and was 37 percent complete. The corn crop was 85 percent dented and 55 percent matured. Silage harvest was 77 percent complete, while grain harvest was 15 percent complete. Onion planting increased significantly to 40 percent complete, and 10 percent of the crop had emerged. Winter wheat emergence also increased significantly, to 50 percent. Most cattle and sheep were observed to be in good condition, at 39 percent and 65 percent, respectively.

According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data, eastern New Mexico recorded the largest amounts of precipitation last week. In areas of Chaves, Colfax, and San Miguel Counties, rainfall amounts totaled 6 to 8 inches. There were reports from Roswell of 1 to 3 inches per hour on Saturday night, which led to deadly flooding. The rest of the State recorded up to 2 inches, but southwestern counties only saw amounts of up 0.5 inch. According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC), temperatures remained above normal last week. Parts of McKinley, Rio Arriba, Sandoval Counties recorded temperatures up to 8 degrees above normal, while the rest of the State recorded temperatures up to 4 degrees above normal. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for October 15, the State continues to remain free from exceptional drought (D4) conditions. Extreme drought (D3) conditions increased from last week to over 6 percent, severe drought (D2) conditions decreased to 14 percent, moderate drought (D1) conditions decreased to 16 percent, and abnormally dry (D0) conditions increased to just under 48 percent. Drought-free conditions decreased to 16 percent.

Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 2 percent severe, 3 percent moderate, and 5 percent light. Pecan nut set was reported as 46 percent heavy, 53 percent moderate, and 1 percent light. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 21 percent very short, 32 percent short, 42 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus, compared with 17 percent very short, 40 percent short, 38 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 35 percent very short, 35 percent short, 26 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus, compared with 32 percent very short, 39 percent short, 27 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				
6 th cutting harvested	50	35	21	50
Chile				
Red harvested	37	29	37	49
Corn				
Dented	85	80	81	NA
Mature	55	49	40	74
Harvested for grain	15	8	8	16
Harvested for silage	77	67	42	NA
Cotton				
Bolls Opening	70	55	41	68
Onions				
Planted	40	23	32	NA
Emerged	10	--	9	NA
Winter Wheat				
Emerged	50	30	73	76
Cattle and Calves				
Receiving supplemental feed	28	27	NA	NA
Sheep and Lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed	27	30	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	5.9	6.9	6.9	6.6
Topsoil Moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	30	29	39	28
Short	38	46	59	44
Adequate	21	22	2	26
Surplus	11	3	--	2
Subsoil Moisture				
Very short	36	33	38	32
Short	41	43	60	46
Adequate	16	22	2	21
Surplus	7	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	2	2	--	NA
Poor	5	4	1	NA
Fair	24	16	34	NA
Good	55	58	59	NA
Excellent	14	20	6	NA
Corn				
Very poor	6	6	4	1
Poor	15	7	19	10
Fair	36	36	37	31
Good	11	11	26	29
Excellent	32	40	14	29
Cotton				
Very Poor	4	4	8	3
Poor	33	21	10	17
Fair	40	34	21	38
Good	13	22	10	25
Excellent	10	19	51	17
Pasture and range				
Very Poor.....	10	13	11	10
Poor.....	26	37	27	27
Fair	29	30	37	40
Good.....	12	9	11	15
Excellent.....	23	11	14	8
Pecans				
Very Poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor	1	1	1	3
Fair.....	6	6	1	9
Good	28	28	2	47
Excellent	65	65	95	40
Winter wheat				
Very poor	35	34	21	6
Poor	41	41	17	22
Fair.....	10	10	50	33
Good	2	3	2	28
Excellent	12	12	10	11
Cattle and calves				
Very Poor	1	2	2	1
Poor.....	7	9	11	11
Fair	33	42	25	37
Good	39	36	47	36
Excellent.....	20	11	15	15
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	1	1	12	5
Poor	2	6	13	10
Fair.....	30	34	33	36
Good	65	50	41	47
Excellent	2	9	1	2

NA – not available

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