

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 17, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: New Mexico producers saw warmer and drier days last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Red chile harvest continued and was 80 percent complete. The corn crop was 95 percent matured. Silage corn harvest was 90 percent complete, while grain corn harvest was 61 percent complete. Cotton harvested continued and was 12 percent complete. Most cattle and sheep were observed to be in good condition, at 42 percent and 63 percent, respectively.

According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data, the State saw more average precipitation amounts last week following the first major winter storm of the season. Parts of Otero and Roosevelt Counties recorded up to 3 inches, while most central and southeastern counties recorded up to 2 inches. Northern and southwestern counties saw amounts up to 0.5 inch. Reports from Union County noted that the excessive melting last week resulted in deep mud on dirt roads, some of which remain impassable. According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC), northwestern counties recorded temperatures as many as 9 degrees below normal, while southwestern counties recorded temperatures up to 6 degrees above normal. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for November 12, the State remains free from exceptional drought (D4) conditions. Extreme drought (D3) conditions remained unchanged from last week at 6 percent, severe drought (D2) conditions decreased to 11 percent, moderate drought (D1) conditions decreased to just over 12 percent, and abnormally dry (D0) conditions remained unchanged at just under 44 percent. Drought-free (D0) conditions increased to 26 percent.

Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 10 moderate and 17 percent light. Hail damage was reported as 1 percent light. Wind damage was reported as 3 percent severe, 5 percent moderate, and 8 percent light. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 19 percent very short, 33 percent short, 46 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 20 percent very short, 35 percent short, 42 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 20 percent very short, 38 percent short, 37 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus, compared with 15 percent very short, 46 percent short, 32 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Chile				
Red harvested	80	75	72	85
Corn				
Mature.....	95	80	91	NA
Harvested for grain	61	50	55	63
Harvested for silage.....	90	85	87	NA
Cotton				
Harvested	12	10	49	52
Onions				
Emerged.....	61	50	49	NA
Pecans				
Harvested	25	15	37	20
Cattle and Calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	38	45	NA	NA
Sheep and Lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	32	34	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.....	5.6	4.8	6.8	6.7
Topsoil Moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	24	33	35	31
Short	25	32	42	40
Adequate.....	28	24	23	27
Surplus.....	23	11	--	2
Subsoil Moisture				
Very short.....	18	21	36	33
Short	44	49	42	41
Adequate.....	27	20	22	25
Surplus.....	11	10	--	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)
Cotton				
Very Poor	4	2	--	NA
Poor	31	26	20	NA
Fair	37	35	21	NA
Good	8	4	18	NA
Excellent	20	33	41	NA
Pasture and range				
Very Poor.....	10	11	9	14
Poor.....	18	27	40	27
Fair.....	30	20	39	36
Good.....	20	23	8	16
Excellent.....	22	19	4	7
Pecans				
Very Poor.....	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	1	--	1	7
Fair.....	6	2	5	10
Good.....	23	20	2	41
Excellent.....	70	78	92	39
Winter wheat				
Very poor	8	17	--	2
Poor	26	23	19	22
Fair.....	29	20	55	34
Good.....	10	4	19	28
Excellent.....	27	36	7	14
Cattle and calves				
Very Poor	1	1	2	3
Poor.....	9	4	14	11
Fair.....	37	34	40	36
Good.....	42	41	40	33
Excellent.....	11	20	4	17
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	1	--	8	5
Poor	2	4	8	9
Fair.....	27	36	34	39
Good.....	63	50	49	43
Excellent.....	7	10	1	4

NA – not available

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