

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 3, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Despite fewer days available for field and ranch work due to cooler temperatures and above average rainfall, producers across the State remained busy harvesting crops, seeding wheat, and shipping calves during the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Alfalfa hay harvest remained behind both last year and normal. Comments from Curry County noted that calves were being marketed at an increased level. With most progress limited to Lea County, growers began harvesting peanuts during the week, ahead of last year's pace but virtually on par with normal. Green chile harvest was nearing completion, as red chile harvest gained speed. Statewide, 33 percent of the State's pastures and rangelands were reported in very poor or poor condition, compared with 46 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 35 percent. During the past week, converted moisture totals ranged from about 3 inches in a few isolated locations spread across northern New Mexico to merely a trace. Much of the State saw roughly 1 inch. According to the United States Drought Monitor for September 28, drought-free conditions existed across an area equal to 10.7 percent of the State, while abnormal dryness covered 9.8 percent. Moderate drought (D1) decreased slightly to 30.1 percent. Severe drought (D2) increased to cover 30.2 percent of New Mexico. Extreme (D3) drought persisted across 19.1 percent of the State. The State remained free of exceptional drought (D4). Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 68 percent short to very short, compared with 90 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 54 percent. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent light and 2 percent moderate. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 8 percent light and 2 percent moderate. Pecan nut set was reported as 6 percent light, 88 percent moderate, and 6 percent heavy. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 11 percent very short, 28 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus, compared with 10 percent very short, 35 percent short, and 55 percent adequate last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 12 percent very short, 30 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 17 percent very short, 41 percent short, and 42 percent adequate last year.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS						
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average		
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		
Alfalfa hay						
5 th cutting harvested	54	45	65	80		
Chile						
Green harvested	93	88	91	92		
Red harvested	20	10	29	18		
Corn						
Dented	95	91	82	83		
Mature	74	59	61	60		
Harvested for grain	1		5	3		
Harvested for silage	84	75	81	77		
Cotton						
Bolls opening	34	22	42	57		
Peanuts						
Harvested	3			4		
Winter wheat						
Planted	83	65	73	80		
Emerged	65	45	45	51		
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Cattle and calves						
Receiving supplemental feed	28	30	73	NA		
Sheep and lambs						
Receiving supplemental feed	40	45	76	NA		
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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	5.9	6.6	6.8	5.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	33	34	40	17
Short	35	39	50	37
Adequate	28	23	10	42
Surplus	4	4		4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	40	40	54	23
Short	35	37	35	33
Adequate	22	20	11	43
Surplus	3	3		1

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