

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Most of New Mexico saw warmer 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 85 percent complete, up from 70 percent last week. The cotton crop was 95 percent squared and 80 percent was setting bolls, including 30 percent that had bolls opening. Winter Wheat planting progressed to 25 percent complete. Most cattle were observed to be in fair condition, at 38 percent, while most sheep were observed to be in good condition, at 71 percent.

According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data, New Mexico received minimal precipitation last week. The highest amounts noted were up to 1 inch in parts of San Miguel and Catron County, while the rest of the State saw amounts up to 0.5 inch. Most southeastern and northwestern counties received very little to no rainfall. According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC), temperatures Statewide were slightly above average last week. Parts of Union and Quay Counties saw temperatures up to 6 degrees above normal, while parts of Catron and Taos Counties saw temperatures up to 2 degrees below normal. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for September 10, the State remains free from exceptional drought (D4) conditions. Extreme drought (D3) conditions decreased to just under 3 percent, severe drought (D2) decreased to 15 percent, and moderate drought (D1) conditions decreased to 21 percent. Drought-free (D0) conditions remained just under 36 percent. The worst of the drought conditions remained in parts of Eddy and Otero Counties.

Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent severe, 3 percent moderate, and 3 percent light. Pecan nut set was reported as 26 percent heavy, 71 percent moderate, and 3 percent light. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 21 percent very short, 41 percent short, 37 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 18 percent very short, 33 percent short, and 49 percent adequate last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 28 percent very short, 49 percent short, 21 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 23 percent very short, 40 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				
4 th cutting harvested	88	71	75	87
5 th cutting harvested	45	31	NA	NA
Chile				
Green harvested	85	70	73	78
Corn				
Silking	95	85	85	NA
Doughed	66	50	50	75
Dented	50	40	22	48
Mature	6	--	NA	NA
Harvested for silage	45	30	3	36
Cotton				
Squaring	95	85	NA	NA
Setting Bolls	80	65	70	NA
Bolls Opening	30	21	7	16
Winter Wheat				
Planted	25	15	14	33
Cattle and Calves				
Receiving supplemental feed	30	47	NA	NA
Sheep and Lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed	25	12	NA	NA

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.8	6.6	6.6	6.7
Topsoil Moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	14	19	54	32
Short	42	33	33	42
Adequate	38	40	13	24
Surplus	6	8	--	2
Subsoil Moisture				
Very short	17	20	53	34
Short	48	50	34	45
Adequate	33	30	13	20
Surplus	2	--	--	1

NA – not available

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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
Poor	--	5	4	6
Fair	39	30	8	24
Good	47	43	50	48
Excellent	14	20	38	21
Corn				
Very poor	1	3	3	2
Poor	10	20	7	4
Fair	30	18	28	34
Good	18	9	31	28
Excellent	41	50	31	32
Cotton				
Very Poor	--	4	--	2
Poor	20	29	18	21
Fair	24	34	36	43
Good	25	12	27	24
Excellent	31	21	19	10
Pasture and range				
Very Poor.....	8	8	8	10
Poor.....	38	29	16	26
Fair.....	33	29	16	34
Good.....	6	13	24	18
Excellent.....	15	21	36	12
Pecans				
Very Poor.....	--	--	1	--
Poor.....	1	1	1	4
Fair.....	10	20	1	11
Good.....	29	37	6	50
Excellent.....	60	42	91	35
Cattle and calves				
Very Poor.....	1	2	--	3
Poor.....	5	7	3	8
Fair.....	38	29	26	35
Good.....	36	33	28	33
Excellent.....	20	29	43	21
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	1	--	4
Poor	--	6	3	5
Fair.....	23	30	26	33
Good.....	71	62	58	51
Excellent	6	1	13	7

NA – not available
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