

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 27, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Most of New Mexico saw very little to no precipitation last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Red chile harvest significantly progressed, and was 54 percent complete. The corn crop was 88 percent dented and 66 percent matured. Silage harvest was 80 percent complete, while grain harvest was 25 percent complete. Onion planting increased to 55 percent complete, and 30 percent of the crop had emerged. Winter wheat emergence also increased significantly, to 70 percent. Most cattle were observed to be in fair condition at 37 percent, while most sheep were observed to be in good condition at 48 percent.

According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data, up to 0.1 inch were recorded in remote areas of Mora and San Miguel Counties last week, specifically at higher elevations in the Sangre De Cristo Mountains. Southwestern Catron County received less than 0.1 inch, while the rest of the State saw no measurable moisture last week. According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC), temperatures were well above normal last week. Most southern counties recorded temperatures up to 8 degrees above normal, while the rest of the State recorded temperatures up to 6 degrees above normal. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for October 22, the State continues to remain free from exceptional drought (D4) conditions. Extreme drought (D3) conditions remained unchanged from last week, at just over 6 percent, severe drought (D2) conditions decreased to just under 13 percent, moderate drought (D1) conditions decreased to 14 percent, and abnormally dry (D0) conditions decreased to just over 45 percent. Drought-free conditions increased to 21 percent.

Wind damage in all crops was reported as 2 percent severe, 2 percent moderate, and 8 percent light. No hail damage was reported. Pecan nut set was reported as 45 percent heavy, 54 percent moderate, and 1 percent light. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 26 percent very short, 36 percent short, 34 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus, compared with 21 percent very short, 32 percent short, 42 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 36 percent very short, 39 percent short, and 25 percent adequate, compared with 35 percent very short, 35 percent short, 26 percent adequate, and 4 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	70	50	27	59
Chile				
Red harvested	54	37	51	60
Corn				
Dented	88	85	87	NA
Mature	66	55	57	NA
Harvested for grain	25	15	17	26
Harvested for silage	80	77	59	NA
Cotton				
Bolls Opening	82	70	51	76
Onions				
Planted	55	40	42	NA
Emerged	30	10	20	NA
Pecans				
Harvested	5	NA	NA	NA
Winter Wheat				
Emerged	70	50	86	83
Cattle and Calves				
Receiving supplemental feed	30	28	NA	NA
Sheep and Lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed	37	27	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	6.7	5.9	6.6	6.3
Topsoil Moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	34	30	36	30
Short	44	38	52	41
Adequate	20	21	11	26
Surplus	2	11	1	3
Subsoil Moisture				
Very short	41	36	38	31
Short	43	41	51	44
Adequate	15	16	11	24
Surplus	1	7	--	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	5	2	NA
Fair	24	24	32	NA
Good	55	55	62	NA
Excellent	14	14	4	NA
Corn				
Very poor	6	6	3	2
Poor	21	15	17	8
Fair	30	36	46	32
Good	11	11	24	28
Excellent	32	32	10	30
Cotton				
Very Poor	4	4	9	4
Poor	39	33	13	18
Fair	40	40	25	40
Good	8	13	11	23
Excellent	9	10	42	15
Pasture and range				
Very Poor.....	17	10	13	12
Poor.....	35	26	36	27
Fair.....	30	29	41	37
Good.....	9	12	5	18
Excellent.....	9	23	5	6
Pecans				
Very Poor.....	1	--	1	2
Poor.....	1	1	2	4
Fair.....	6	6	3	9
Good.....	28	28	1	44
Excellent.....	64	65	93	41
Winter wheat				
Very poor	34	35	12	4
Poor	41	41	15	20
Fair.....	10	10	52	36
Good	3	2	11	27
Excellent	12	12	10	13
Cattle and calves				
Very Poor	3	1	2	2
Poor.....	10	7	12	11
Fair.....	37	33	34	36
Good	32	39	42	36
Excellent.....	18	20	10	15
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	1	1	8	7
Poor	10	2	11	12
Fair.....	40	30	39	34
Good	48	65	40	43
Excellent	1	2	2	4

NA – not available

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