

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Above average temperatures and little to no rainfall were the norms across much of New Mexico during the week. Daytime highs ranged from 79 degrees at Eagle Nest to 100 degrees in Tucumcari. Overnight lows varied by 30 degrees, from 34 degrees at Eagle Nest and El Vado Dam to 64 degrees in Santa Teresa and at NMSU. Although moisture was reported at 32 out of 45 weather stations, precipitation totals were limited to less than one inch. Statewide, most crops continue to be rated in good to excellent condition. While most southern counties were busy harvesting the fourth or fifth cutting of alfalfa, portions of the northwest were just beginning the third cutting as grasshoppers and hail have caused delays. Some cattle producers were weaning and selling calves earlier than normal due to fluctuating market prices. Pecan nut set was reported as 8 percent heavy and 92 percent moderate. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 4 percent light and 4 percent moderate. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light and 2 percent moderate. Stock water supplies were reported as 5 percent very short, 20 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
4 th cutting harvested.....	95	90	99	98
5 th cutting harvested.....	55	43	62	69
6 th cutting harvested.....	5	NA	13	14
Chile				
Green harvested.....	88	73	73	79
Red harvested.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Corn				
Dough.....	90	79	89	95
Dented.....	55	30	67	70
Mature.....	10	NA	29	22
Harvested for silage.....	60	54	48	53
Cotton				
Bolls opening.....	41	32	29	31
Fall lettuce				
Planted.....	90	88	NA	NA
Sorghum				
Headed.....	97	90	84	86
Coloring.....	35	19	35	30
Mature.....	2	--	--	1
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	7	5	24	30

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.....	6.7	7.0	6.4	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	15	15	31	35
Short.....	39	34	25	31
Adequate.....	45	49	43	31
Surplus.....	1	2	1	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	11	11	32	NA
Short.....	34	29	27	NA
Adequate.....	54	59	40	NA
Surplus.....	1	1	1	NA

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
Very poor.....	1	1	2	7
Poor.....	3	3	7	8
Fair.....	21	21	34	24
Good.....	45	49	46	55
Excellent.....	30	26	11	6
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	3
Poor.....	--	--	4	8
Fair.....	11	11	26	27
Good.....	51	51	34	39
Excellent.....	38	38	33	23
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	4
Poor.....	--	--	4	15
Fair.....	23	23	51	34
Good.....	67	67	23	27
Excellent.....	10	10	22	20
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	4	4	18	31
Poor.....	6	5	23	25
Fair.....	32	31	37	24
Good.....	47	48	20	18
Excellent.....	11	12	2	2
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	5
Poor.....	--	--	20	20
Fair.....	68	68	71	54
Good.....	29	29	6	21
Excellent.....	3	3	--	--
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	13	13	24	20
Good.....	77	77	60	53
Excellent.....	10	10	16	26
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	19
Poor.....	1	1	3	10
Fair.....	10	10	29	32
Good.....	85	85	62	34
Excellent.....	4	4	6	5
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	1	2	NA
Poor.....	2	2	10	NA
Fair.....	24	24	41	NA
Good.....	65	65	44	NA
Excellent.....	8	8	3	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	15	15	20	NA
Poor.....	15	15	23	NA
Fair.....	15	15	31	NA
Good.....	52	52	26	NA
Excellent.....	3	3	--	NA

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New Mexico’s weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/NM_Weather_09132015.pdf