

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 11, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Weather conditions were diverse during the week – some hot and dry, and others cool and wet. Measurable rain was reported at 43 of the 45 weather stations; however, accumulations ranged from 0.03 to 3.60 inches. Ten locations totaled 1.10 inches or more during the week. Alamogordo and Truth or Consequences were the only weather stations reporting a year-to-date deficit as of October 11. Average temperatures varied from 3 degrees below normal to 7 degrees above. Daytime highs ranged from 73 degrees at Chama and El Morro to 90 degrees at Fort Sumner, while overnight lows varied from 29 degrees at Eagle Nest to 56 degrees in Carlsbad. Reports indicated that fieldwork in portions of District 30 was slowed by heavy rainfall. Soil erosion and crop losses occurred in recently sown winter wheat fields. Pecan nut set was reported as 16 percent heavy, 75 percent moderate, and 9 percent light. 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, 71 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity | Current week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | Previous year (percent) | 5-year average (percent) |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Alfalfa hay | | | | |
| 5 th cutting harvested..... | 95 | 90 | 96 | 95 |
| 6 th cutting harvested..... | 45 | 35 | 59 | 58 |
| Chile | | | | |
| Red harvested | 25 | 22 | 9 | 10 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Dented | 95 | 90 | 99 | 98 |
| Mature | 57 | 45 | 79 | 76 |
| Harvested for grain..... | 1 | NA | 14 | 18 |
| Harvested for silage..... | 89 | 85 | 87 | 89 |
| Cotton | | | | |
| Bolls opening | 83 | 73 | 74 | 80 |
| Harvested | 7 | 4 | -- | 3 |
| Peanuts | | | | |
| Harvested | 28 | 22 | 24 | 27 |
| Sorghum | | | | |
| Coloring | 95 | 90 | 84 | 81 |
| Mature | 50 | 32 | 24 | 28 |
| Harvested for grain..... | 1 | NA | -- | 4 |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Planted..... | 61 | 42 | 83 | 87 |
| Emerged | 44 | 22 | 64 | 63 |

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..... | 6.2 | 6.3 | 6.8 | NA |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 13 | 13 | 28 | 32 |
| Short..... | 37 | 38 | 23 | 36 |
| Adequate | 47 | 47 | 46 | 31 |
| Surplus | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short..... | 9 | 9 | 26 | NA |
| Short..... | 33 | 34 | 28 | NA |
| Adequate | 57 | 56 | 44 | NA |
| Surplus | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA |

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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 | 3 |
| Poor..... | 2 | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| Fair..... | 28 | 27 | 38 | 30 |
| Good..... | 43 | 43 | 46 | 54 |
| Excellent..... | 27 | 27 | 11 | 6 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | 3 | 3 |
| Poor..... | -- | -- | 4 | 9 |
| Fair..... | 12 | 12 | 26 | 37 |
| Good..... | 51 | 51 | 34 | 34 |
| Excellent..... | 37 | 37 | 33 | 17 |
| Cotton | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | 4 |
| Poor..... | 3 | 3 | 4 | 16 |
| Fair..... | 23 | 23 | 50 | 34 |
| Good..... | 64 | 64 | 26 | 26 |
| Excellent..... | 10 | 10 | 20 | 20 |
| Fall Lettuce | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | NA | NA |
| Poor..... | -- | -- | NA | NA |
| Fair..... | -- | -- | NA | NA |
| Good..... | 60 | 60 | NA | NA |
| Excellent..... | 40 | 40 | NA | NA |
| Pasture and Range | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 4 | 4 | 11 | 30 |
| Poor..... | 8 | 7 | 18 | 25 |
| Fair..... | 33 | 34 | 37 | 25 |
| Good..... | 44 | 44 | 27 | 17 |
| Excellent..... | 11 | 11 | 7 | 3 |
| Peanuts | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | 3 | 4 |
| Poor..... | -- | -- | 19 | 21 |
| Fair..... | 69 | 69 | 71 | 51 |
| Good..... | 28 | 28 | 7 | 24 |
| Excellent..... | 3 | 3 | -- | -- |
| Pecans | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Poor..... | -- | -- | -- | 1 |
| Fair..... | 13 | 13 | 24 | 16 |
| Good..... | 77 | 77 | 60 | 56 |
| Excellent..... | 10 | 10 | 16 | 27 |
| Sorghum | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | 18 |
| Poor..... | 1 | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| Fair..... | 10 | 10 | 28 | 34 |
| Good..... | 84 | 84 | 60 | 33 |
| Excellent..... | 5 | 5 | 9 | 5 |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA |
| Poor..... | 2 | 2 | 10 | NA |
| Fair..... | 24 | 24 | 38 | NA |
| Good..... | 66 | 66 | 43 | NA |
| Excellent..... | 7 | 7 | 7 | NA |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 15 | 15 | 18 | NA |
| Poor..... | 15 | 15 | 24 | NA |
| Fair..... | 15 | 15 | 30 | NA |
| Good..... | 52 | 52 | 28 | 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_10112015.pdf