

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 8, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Autumn storms delivered cooler temperatures and precipitation in the forms of high-mountain snow and lower elevation rain during the week. Average weekly temperatures varied by 12 degrees – from 5 degrees below normal at Otis to 7 degrees above normal at Tucumcari. Overnight lows dipped well into the teens, with 12 degrees recorded at Eagle Nest. Portions of the southwest reported the first frost of the season. Daytime highs ranged from 60 degrees at Red River to 84 degrees at Fort Sumner and Tucumcari. Most of the corn and sorghum from grain harvest was complete in District 30, as cotton continued to be picked. Ranchers were busy weaning calves, and preparing their livestock for the winter months. Cattle were being delivered to wheat pasture, with most of the crop reported in good to excellent condition. Pecan nut set was reported as 13 percent heavy, 78 percent moderate, and 9 percent light. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 4 percent light and 5 percent moderate. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 5 percent light and 3 percent moderate. Stock water supplies were reported as 4 percent very short, 17 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Feed and concentrate supplies were reported as 2 percent short, 91 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
6 th cutting harvested	85	75	94	95
Chile				
Red harvested	74	59	44	58
Corn				
Mature	95	90	100	100
Harvested for grain.....	40	30	43	78
Cotton				
Harvested	55	40	22	39
Fall lettuce				
Harvested	85	60	NA	NA
Peanuts				
Harvested	78	67	69	68
Sorghum				
Harvested for grain.....	50	35	16	34
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	99	92	100	100
Emerging	90	80	90	95
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves	65	61	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	76	78	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.....	6.0	6.5	6.5	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	13	12	29	39
Short.....	34	32	25	37
Adequate	51	53	44	24
Surplus	2	3	2	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	9	27	NA
Short.....	24	24	29	NA
Adequate	66	64	42	NA
Surplus	1	3	2	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)
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	NA
Poor.....	--	--	4	NA
Fair.....	10	11	26	NA
Good.....	54	53	34	NA
Excellent.....	36	36	33	NA
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	4
Poor.....	4	4	4	16
Fair.....	26	26	53	33
Good.....	60	60	24	28
Excellent.....	10	10	17	19
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	4	4	15	31
Poor.....	8	8	23	24
Fair.....	33	33	31	28
Good.....	44	44	25	15
Excellent.....	11	11	6	2
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	13	13	24	18
Good.....	77	77	60	50
Excellent.....	10	10	16	31
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	2	2	3	NA
Fair.....	12	12	28	NA
Good.....	82	81	64	NA
Excellent.....	4	5	5	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	9
Poor.....	--	--	--	17
Fair.....	39	39	73	52
Good.....	52	52	24	21
Excellent.....	9	9	3	1
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	1	2	NA
Poor.....	2	2	9	NA
Fair.....	24	24	37	NA
Good.....	62	62	45	NA
Excellent.....	11	11	7	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	15	15	18	NA
Poor.....	16	16	24	NA
Fair.....	14	14	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_11082015.pdf