

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 15, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Measurable precipitation was scarce across much of New Mexico during the week, with Redrock reporting the largest accumulation of a modest 0.28 inches. Temperatures continued their colder turn, with overnight lows dipping into the single digits at Eagle Nest, El Morro, and Quemado. Daytime highs varied by 25 degrees – from 54 at Chama to 79 at Carlsbad and Roswell. Cold overnight temperatures coupled with cooler autumn days have halted pasture growth in portions of the state; however, most winter wheat fields were reported to have excellent grazing available for cattle that were being overwintered on small grains. Statewide, producers were busy harvesting their remaining row crops. Pecan nut set was reported as 13 percent heavy, 78 percent moderate, and 9 percent light. Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 11 moderate and 27 percent light. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 5 percent moderate and 4 percent moderate. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 12 percent moderate and 5 percent light. Stock water supplies were reported as 4 percent very short, 18 percent short, 77 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	95	85	99	99
Chile				
Red harvested	87	74	52	67
Corn				
Harvested for grain.....	50	40	49	86
Cotton				
Harvested	62	55	34	52
Fall lettuce				
Harvested	90	85	NA	NA
Peanuts				
Harvested	86	78	74	78
Sorghum				
Harvested for grain.....	65	50	25	52
Winter wheat				
Emerged	96	90	92	97
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves	72	65	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	76	76	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.....	6.7	6.0	6.9	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	13	13	29	39
Short.....	35	34	25	34
Adequate	50	51	44	26
Surplus	2	2	2	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	9	27	NA
Short.....	25	24	29	NA
Adequate	65	66	42	NA
Surplus	1	1	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	10	26	NA
Good.....	54	54	36	NA
Excellent.....	36	36	31	NA
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	4	4	15	33
Poor.....	8	8	23	24
Fair.....	33	33	31	26
Good.....	44	44	25	15
Excellent.....	11	11	6	2
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	13	13	24	20
Good.....	77	77	60	48
Excellent.....	10	10	16	32
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	11
Poor.....	--	--	--	18
Fair.....	39	39	68	49
Good.....	52	52	29	21
Excellent.....	9	9	3	1
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	1	2	NA
Poor.....	2	2	9	NA
Fair.....	24	24	38	NA
Good.....	61	62	44	NA
Excellent.....	12	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

NA – not available

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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_11152015.pdf