

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Continuous rainfall was experienced throughout the State last week which benefitted rangeland but hampered producers that were harvesting crops or trying to seed winter wheat, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Statewide, measureable rainfall was recorded at 32 of 46 reporting weather stations. Topsoil moisture levels maintained, with conditions now rated 42 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 43 percent last week, 47 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 33 percent. Range and pasture conditions were reported at 34 percent good to excellent, up 1 percentage points when compared with last week. The largest rainfall accumulation was reported at Torreon where 0.83 inches fell. Average temperatures varied from 1 degree below to 8 degrees above normal. Daytime highs ranged from 75 degrees at Cloudcroft to 98 degrees at Fort Sumner. Overnight temperatures varied from 23 degrees at El Vado Dam to 57 degrees at Conchas Dam. Reports from Union County mentioned range conditions were in good health and that the rain experienced this summer had brought moderately decent grass production. Reports also mentioned winter wheat planting had neared completion in this county. Rainfall in Curry County over the last few weeks had been reported as beneficial however the rainfall delayed corn silage harvest and haying. Cattle producers in Curry County were also expecting good grazing conditions for both grass and wheat due to the recent rainfall. In Eddy County, a surplus of Alfalfa supply had been experienced. Pecan nut set was reported as 20 percent light, 48 percent moderate, and 32 percent heavy. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light and 1 percent severe. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 32 percent light, 5 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Stock water supplies were reported as 5 percent very short, 20 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
5 th cutting harvested.....	70	65	76	85
6 th cutting harvested.....	31	11	26	30
Chile				
Green harvested	90	85	94	92
Red harvested	18	1	13	3
Corn				
Dough	94	92	98	99
Dented	77	65	72	82
Mature	40	11	25	44
Harvested for silage.....	56	51	75	76
Cotton				
Bolls opening	65	60	63	57
Sorghum				
Coloring	60	55	64	53
Mature	17	16	11	4
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	55	30	25	43
Emerged	20	1	2	12

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	5.5	6.3	7.0	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	8	8	14	30
Short	50	49	39	37
Adequate	40	39	46	32
Surplus	2	4	1	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	8	8	9	NA
Short	28	29	34	NA
Adequate	63	62	56	NA
Surplus	1	1	1	NA

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	3	3	3	7
Fair.....	42	42	22	30
Good	46	46	48	50
Excellent	9	9	27	10
Corn				
Very poor	2	2	--	3
Poor.....	2	2	--	10
Fair.....	30	31	12	32
Good	48	47	51	34
Excellent	18	18	37	21
Cotton				
Very poor	3	3	--	5
Poor.....	26	28	3	16
Fair.....	34	32	23	32
Good	30	30	64	32
Excellent	7	7	10	15
Pasture and range				
Very poor	2	2	4	27
Poor.....	20	20	7	24
Fair.....	44	45	35	27
Good	29	29	43	17
Excellent	5	4	11	5
Peanut				
Very poor	1	1	--	6
Poor.....	5	5	--	25
Fair.....	66	66	69	59
Good	28	28	28	9
Excellent	--	--	3	1
Pecan				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	6	7	13	20
Good	42	47	77	58
Excellent	52	46	10	21
Sorghum				
Very poor	--	--	--	16
Poor.....	4	2	1	11
Fair.....	73	75	10	27
Good	22	22	84	40
Excellent	1	1	5	6
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	2	2	1	NA
Poor.....	4	4	2	NA
Fair.....	35	35	24	NA
Good	53	54	65	NA
Excellent	6	5	8	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	12	12	15	NA
Poor.....	13	13	15	NA
Fair.....	15	15	15	NA
Good	53	54	52	NA
Excellent	7	6	3	NA

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