

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 30, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Unusually warm, dry weather continued its dominance across the State, with average temperatures 10 degrees or more above normal recorded at 35 of the 46 reporting weather stations during the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Precipitation was scarce, as measurable moisture was evident at just 10 weather stations, with the largest accumulation of 0.19 inch reported at Gallup. Statewide, topsoil moisture levels continued to deteriorate, with conditions now rated 27 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 30 percent last week, 56 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 29 percent. Average temperatures varied from 6 to 15 degrees above normal. Daytime highs ranged from 68 degrees at Eagle Nest to 91 degrees at Bitter Lakes, Picacho, and Roswell. Overnight lows varied from 20 degrees at Eagle Nest to 52 degrees at Truth or Consequences. Range and pasture conditions varied depending on location, and were rated mostly fair. Reports from Union County noted that cattle were suffering due to the hot, dusty conditions. Additionally, producers in many areas were marketing animals despite unfavorable prices since pasture grass availability was declining, and wheat pastures were questionable due to poor emergence and crop growth. Overall, 39 percent of the recently seeded winter wheat crop was reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 61 percent last year. Reports from Dona Ana County indicated that approximately 20 percent of the pecan crop had been harvested, while the cabbage and lettuce harvest was not yet underway. Statewide, pecan nut set was reported as 20 percent light, 45 percent moderate, and 35 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 31 percent light, 5 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Stock water supplies were reported as 6 percent very short, 21 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
6 th cutting harvested	70	60	74	87
Chile				
Red harvested	57	48	58	43
Corn				
Mature	90	80	86	95
Harvested for grain.....	36	15	26	47
Harvested for silage	94	90	99	99
Cotton				
Bolls opening	90	82	99	96
Harvested	39	19	39	24
Peanuts				
Harvested	65	55	61	57
Sorghum				
Mature	70	63	92	69
Harvested	8	2	31	16
Winter wheat				
Emerged	95	93	77	87
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves	50	52	61	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	56	51	78	NA

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.....	6.8	6.8	6.5	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	13	11	12	36
Short	60	59	32	35
Adequate	26	29	53	28
Surplus	1	1	3	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	11	9	9	NA
Short	36	34	24	NA
Adequate	52	56	64	NA
Surplus	1	1	3	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)
Corn				
Very poor	2	2	--	1
Poor.....	3	2	--	6
Fair.....	28	28	11	39
Good	47	48	53	39
Excellent	20	20	36	15
Cotton				
Very poor	--	1	--	4
Poor.....	24	27	4	14
Fair.....	35	35	26	30
Good	35	31	60	31
Excellent	6	6	10	21
Pasture and range				
Very poor	4	3	4	31
Poor.....	20	20	8	22
Fair.....	44	44	33	26
Good	26	28	44	17
Excellent	6	5	11	4
Pecan				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	--	--
Fair.....	9	9	13	20
Good	42	42	77	58
Excellent	48	48	10	22
Sorghum				
Very poor	--	--	--	15
Poor.....	4	4	2	14
Fair.....	73	73	12	27
Good	22	22	81	42
Excellent	1	1	5	2
Winter wheat				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	27	25	--	NA
Fair.....	34	34	39	NA
Good	27	27	52	NA
Excellent	12	14	9	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	2	2	1	NA
Poor.....	4	4	2	NA
Fair.....	34	34	24	NA
Good	53	53	62	NA
Excellent	7	7	11	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	12	12	15	NA
Poor.....	12	12	16	NA
Fair.....	16	16	14	NA
Good	52	52	52	NA
Excellent	8	8	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/2016/NM_Weather_10302016.pdf