

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 13, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Dry weather returned to the State during the week, and temperatures remained above average, although several locations recorded overnight lows that dipped into the teens, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Measurable moisture was recorded at just 4 of the 46 reporting weather stations, with the largest accumulation of 0.10 inch noted at Clayton. Statewide, topsoil moisture conditions were rated 38 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 52 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 33 percent. Average temperatures varied from 1 to 10 degrees above normal. Daytime highs ranged from 60 degrees at Eagle Nest to 79 degrees at Antelope Wells. Overnight lows varied from 5 degrees at Eagle Nest to 39 degrees at NMSU. Statewide, the winter wheat crop showed some improvement following last week's rainfall, with conditions reported as 38 percent good to excellent, compared with 33 percent last week, 61 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 26 percent. In Union County, cattle were moved onto corn stubble and wheat pastures; some hail-damaged corn fields were also being grazed. Harvest progress in portions of the southeast was slowed or halted following last week's moisture, with expectations for an increase in fieldwork during the week ending November 20th. Statewide, pecan nut set was reported as 1 percent none, 27 percent light, 51 percent moderate, and 21 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 7 percent very short, 20 percent short, 66 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	92	97
Chile				
Red harvested	75	64	83	68
Corn				
Harvested for grain	52	45	47	74
Cotton				
Harvested	60	52	60	49
Peanuts				
Harvested	88	75	84	75
Pecans				
Harvested	17	15	--	--
Sorghum				
Mature	89	80	100	92
Harvested	41	31	61	48
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves	50	50	72	NA
Sheep and lambs	64	60	76	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	6.4	6.1	6.7	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	10	12	13	36
Short	52	58	35	31
Adequate	36	28	50	32
Surplus	2	2	2	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	11	11	9	NA
Short	34	36	25	NA
Adequate	54	52	65	NA
Surplus	1	1	1	NA

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Corn				
Very poor.....	2	2	--	NA
Poor.....	2	3	--	NA
Fair.....	29	29	10	NA
Good.....	47	46	54	NA
Excellent.....	20	20	36	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	4	4	4	33
Poor.....	20	20	8	23
Fair.....	43	44	33	25
Good.....	27	26	44	16
Excellent.....	6	6	11	3
Pecan				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	7	7	13	22
Good.....	42	42	77	54
Excellent.....	51	51	10	24
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	4	4	NA	NA
Fair.....	66	67	NA	NA
Good.....	27	27	NA	NA
Excellent.....	3	2	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	13
Poor.....	24	29	--	18
Fair.....	38	38	39	43
Good.....	26	21	52	24
Excellent.....	12	12	9	2
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	2	2	1	NA
Poor.....	4	4	2	NA
Fair.....	35	35	24	NA
Good.....	51	51	61	NA
Excellent.....	8	8	12	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

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/2016/NM_Weather_11132016.pdf