

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Although most weather stations reported measurable moisture during the week, total accumulations recorded were below normal in all locations except Albuquerque and Ocate, which allowed producers 7 days suitable for fieldwork, compared with 4.2 last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Ocate, at 0.87 inch, noted the largest accumulation during the week. Comments from several counties indicated that warm temperatures and limited rainfall provided beneficial growing conditions for row crops, and excellent seeding conditions for growers planting winter wheat acreage for harvest next year. The chile and corn silage harvests jumped forward, with producers harvesting 16 percent of each crop during the week. Statewide, topsoil moisture levels were reported as 77 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 85 percent last week, 41 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 34 percent. Following the decline in available soil moisture, pasture conditions dropped somewhat, with 40 percent reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 46 percent last week, 30 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 25 percent. Average temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below to 7 degrees above normal. Daytime highs varied from 75 degrees at Angel Fire and Cloudcroft to 97 degrees at Redrock. Overnight lows ranged from 34 degrees at Angel Fire to 62 degrees at NMSU, Santa Teresa, and Truth or Consequences. Pecan nut set was reported as 53 percent moderate and 47 percent light, compared with 4 percent heavy, 51 percent moderate, and 45 percent light last week. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent severe, 8 percent moderate, and 9 percent light, compared with 3 percent severe, 6 percent moderate, and 7 percent light last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 5 percent severe, 6 percent moderate, and 18 percent light, compared with 2 percent severe, 2 percent moderate, and 16 percent light last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 3 percent very short, 17 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared with 2 percent very short, 18 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
4 th cutting harvested.....	78	75	74	87
5 th cutting harvested.....	42	37	43	46
6 th cutting harvested.....	8	3	--	1
Chile				
Green harvested.....	64	48	61	57
Corn				
Dough.....	62	52	75	72
Dented.....	32	21	30	34
Mature.....	1	NA	--	NA
Corn harvested for silage.....	33	17	40	41
Cotton				
Setting bolls.....	81	73	92	89
Bolls opening.....	9	5	52	25
Sorghum				
Headed.....	72	57	80	72
Coloring.....	53	33	36	18
Mature.....	2	--	5	1
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	23	3	5	5

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.....	7.0	4.2	3.7	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	3	8	29
Short.....	19	12	51	37
Adequate.....	68	73	36	32
Surplus.....	9	12	5	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	3	1	8	NA
Short.....	22	18	32	NA
Adequate.....	65	74	58	NA
Surplus.....	10	7	2	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)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	2
Poor.....	17	14	4	7
Fair.....	14	15	42	27
Good.....	51	60	45	52
Excellent.....	17	10	9	9
Corn				
Very poor.....	5	4	2	1
Poor.....	6	4	3	3
Fair.....	27	27	31	29
Good.....	47	43	46	45
Excellent.....	15	22	18	22
Cotton				
Very poor.....	3	1	3	2
Poor.....	4	8	25	13
Fair.....	35	44	32	33
Good.....	40	38	33	37
Excellent.....	18	9	7	15
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	2	2	24
Poor.....	22	21	22	23
Fair.....	37	31	46	28
Good.....	34	36	26	21
Excellent.....	6	10	4	4
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	5
Poor.....	4	4	4	15
Fair.....	66	57	73	64
Good.....	30	39	23	15
Excellent.....	--	--	--	1
Pecan				
Very poor.....	--	3	--	--
Poor.....	3	4	--	--
Fair.....	3	5	9	19
Good.....	70	69	53	58
Excellent.....	24	19	38	23
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	8	4	--	7
Poor.....	1	2	2	9
Fair.....	48	41	75	38
Good.....	38	39	22	42
Excellent.....	5	14	1	4
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	1	2	NA
Poor.....	1	1	4	NA
Fair.....	36	30	37	NA
Good.....	56	56	52	NA
Excellent.....	7	12	5	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	1	3	12	NA
Poor.....	2	5	12	NA
Fair.....	22	25	17	NA
Good.....	65	59	53	NA
Excellent.....	10	8	6	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/2017/NM_Weather_09032017.pdf