

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Despite heavy rainfall in some eastern areas of the State, producers utilized 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork to harvest alfalfa hay, chile, corn silage, and sorghum, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Statewide, topsoil moisture levels were reported as 69 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 62 percent last week, 42 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 40 percent. Pasamonte, at 3.00 inches, noted the largest accumulation during the week, with Clovis, Melrose Gunnery, and Tucumcari also reporting rainfall totals over 2 inches. Several locations throughout the northeast and southeast reported over an inch of moisture. With the exceptions of Chama, El Morro, Grants, and Lake Roberts, temperatures were at or above average at all reporting weather stations. Comments from Lea County noted that the warm weather provided good growing conditions for cotton. Average temperatures ranged from 2 degrees below to 9 degrees above average. Daytime highs varied from 69 degrees at Angel Fire to 98 degrees at Acme, Carlsbad, and Roswell. Overnight lows ranged from 25 degrees at El Morro to 61 degrees at Santa Teresa. The first freeze was noted in Rio Arriba County, as forage producers were wrapping up their final harvest of the season. It was noted in a report that covers both Santa Fe and Torrance Counties that hail destroyed approximately 30 percent of the pumpkin crop; harvest was around 10 percent complete. Statewide, pecan nut set was reported as 10 percent heavy, 65 percent moderate, and 25 percent light, compared with 6 percent heavy, 61 percent moderate, and 33 percent light last week. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 4 percent severe, 7 percent moderate, and 8 percent light, compared with 6 percent severe, 9 percent moderate, and 13 percent light last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 5 percent severe, 5 percent moderate, and 25 percent light, compared with 7 percent severe, 7 percent moderate, and 29 percent light last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 5 percent very short, 19 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 6 percent very short, 18 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
4 th cutting harvested.....	96	90	100	100
5 th cutting harvested.....	57	50	69	79
6 th cutting harvested.....	34	27	28	28
Chile				
Green harvested.....	88	78	89	91
Red harvested.....	10	1	16	5
Corn				
Dough.....	92	82	94	97
Dented.....	77	64	75	79
Mature.....	40	29	36	42
Corn harvested for silage.....	67	58	55	71
Cotton				
Setting bolls.....	95	90	100	99
Bolls opening.....	42	26	64	51
Sorghum				
Headed.....	95	88	100	98
Coloring.....	81	76	59	54
Mature.....	17	10	17	7
Harvested for grain.....	2	1	--	--
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	79	67	51	39
Emerged.....	35	19	17	9

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	6.1	7.0	5.5	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	6	4	8	22
Short.....	25	34	50	38
Adequate	62	59	40	38
Surplus	7	3	2	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	5	2	8	NA
Short.....	27	36	28	NA
Adequate	65	59	63	NA
Surplus	3	3	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.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	25	30	3	6
Fair.....	19	19	42	31
Good	49	41	46	51
Excellent	7	10	9	10
Corn				
Very poor.....	2	3	2	3
Poor.....	4	4	2	8
Fair.....	27	22	30	26
Good	50	56	48	40
Excellent	17	15	18	23
Cotton				
Very poor.....	2	4	3	3
Poor.....	3	6	26	16
Fair.....	44	35	34	34
Good	44	44	30	32
Excellent	7	11	7	15
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	3	2	2	17
Poor.....	18	23	20	21
Fair.....	33	35	44	33
Good	41	33	29	23
Excellent	5	7	5	6
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	6
Poor.....	4	5	5	25
Fair.....	70	65	66	54
Good	26	30	28	14
Excellent	--	--	--	1
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	5	5	6	15
Good	76	71	42	54
Excellent	19	24	52	31
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	4	7	--	7
Poor.....	3	1	4	8
Fair.....	40	35	73	35
Good	35	43	22	44
Excellent	18	14	1	6
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	1	2	NA
Poor.....	2	2	4	NA
Fair.....	28	27	35	NA
Good	60	59	53	NA
Excellent	9	11	6	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	9	5	12	NA
Poor.....	12	7	13	NA
Fair.....	21	25	15	NA
Good	50	58	53	NA
Excellent	8	5	7	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_09242017.pdf