

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 5, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Above average temperatures coupled with little precipitation provided producers ample time to harvest crops and perform equipment maintenance before winter sets in, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of days suitable for fieldwork equaled 6.8, compared with 6.8 days last week, 6.1 days last year, and a 5-year average of 6.4 days. Windy conditions and blowing dirt were noted to have caused some issues in Union County. Cattle producers continued to move their herds to wheat pastures as quickly as the fields are ready, with the crop condition reported as 59 percent good to excellent, compared with 33 percent last year and a 5-year average of 36 percent. Statewide, topsoil moisture levels were reported as 77 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 82 percent last week, 30 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 33 percent. Measurable moisture was scarce during the week, with the largest accumulation reported at Chama, where 0.40 inch fell. Average temperatures ranged from 1 degree below to 8 degrees above normal. Daytime highs varied from 56 degrees at Angel Fire to 86 degrees at Acme and Roswell. Overnight lows ranged from 14 degrees at Angel Fire to 45 degrees at Truth or Consequences. Overall, pasture and range condition was reported as 40 percent good to excellent, compared with 45 percent last week, 32 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 26 percent. Despite the significant improvement evident in pasture and range grasses this year, nutritional value and long-term winter availability remained a concern for producers in areas that experienced the worst drought conditions in previous years, as soil moisture and grass stands have yet to fully recover. Statewide, pecan nut set was reported as 35 percent heavy, 59 percent moderate, and 6 percent light, compared with 30 percent heavy, 65 percent moderate, and 5 percent light last week. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent severe, 3 percent moderate, and 2 percent light, compared with 1 percent severe, 2 percent moderate, and 1 percent light last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent severe, 2 percent moderate, and 8 percent light, compared with 1 percent severe, 1 percent moderate, and 6 percent light last week. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 1 percent very short, 18 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 3 percent very short, 13 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus, compared with 4 percent very short, 15 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus last week.

| CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Commodity | Current week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | Previous year (percent) | 5-year average (percent) |
| Alfalfa hay | | | | |
| 6 th cutting harvested..... | 87 | 82 | 83 | 88 |
| Chile | | | | |
| Red harvested | 74 | 72 | 63 | 55 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Mature | 91 | 88 | 94 | 97 |
| Harvested for grain | 55 | 42 | 44 | 55 |
| Cotton | | | | |
| Harvested..... | 32 | 27 | 50 | 37 |
| Peanuts | | | | |
| Harvested..... | 61 | 50 | 74 | 69 |
| Pecans | | | | |
| Harvested..... | 15 | 10 | NA | NA |
| Sorghum | | | | |
| Harvested for grain | 35 | 18 | 28 | 28 |
| Livestock receiving supplemental feed | | | | |
| Cattle and calves..... | 38 | 40 | 50 | NA |
| Sheep and lambs..... | 45 | 50 | 60 | 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 | 6.1 | 6.4 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 3 | 1 | 12 | 30 |
| Short | 20 | 17 | 58 | 37 |
| Adequate | 75 | 80 | 28 | 32 |
| Surplus | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short..... | 4 | 1 | 11 | NA |
| Short | 22 | 19 | 36 | NA |
| Adequate | 73 | 79 | 52 | NA |
| Surplus | 1 | 1 | 1 | NA |

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| CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION | | | | |
|--|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Corn | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Poor..... | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Fair..... | 30 | 26 | 29 | 34 |
| Good | 48 | 57 | 46 | 43 |
| Excellent | 19 | 14 | 20 | 18 |
| Cotton | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 2 | 5 | -- | 2 |
| Poor..... | 3 | 7 | 23 | 15 |
| Fair..... | 57 | 50 | 36 | 37 |
| Good | 32 | 34 | 35 | 31 |
| Excellent | 6 | 4 | 6 | 15 |
| Pasture and range | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 2 | 1 | 4 | 20 |
| Poor..... | 19 | 13 | 20 | 21 |
| Fair..... | 39 | 41 | 44 | 33 |
| Good | 34 | 38 | 26 | 21 |
| Excellent | 6 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Pecans | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Poor..... | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Fair..... | 1 | 1 | 7 | 18 |
| Good | 72 | 65 | 42 | 51 |
| Excellent | 27 | 34 | 51 | 31 |
| Sorghum | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 1 | -- | -- | 6 |
| Poor..... | 8 | 3 | 4 | 11 |
| Fair..... | 55 | 49 | 67 | 38 |
| Good | 32 | 38 | 27 | 43 |
| Excellent | 4 | 10 | 2 | 2 |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 1 | 1 | -- | 3 |
| Poor..... | 4 | 2 | 29 | 16 |
| Fair..... | 36 | 27 | 38 | 45 |
| Good | 43 | 52 | 21 | 31 |
| Excellent | 16 | 18 | 12 | 5 |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 2 | 1 | 2 | NA |
| Poor..... | 3 | 1 | 4 | NA |
| Fair..... | 28 | 20 | 35 | NA |
| Good | 57 | 65 | 51 | NA |
| Excellent | 10 | 13 | 8 | NA |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 8 | 3 | 12 | NA |
| Poor..... | 10 | 7 | 12 | NA |
| Fair..... | 17 | 20 | 16 | NA |
| Good | 58 | 60 | 52 | NA |
| Excellent | 7 | 10 | 8 | 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_11052017.pdf