

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 12, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: With the trend in New Mexico's weather steady, another week of warm days, cool nights, and limited precipitation afforded producers ample time to finish harvesting, complete needed farm maintenance, and prepare their livestock for winter, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of days suitable for fieldwork equaled 6.7, compared with 6.8 days last week, 6.4 days last year, and a 5-year average of 6.7 days. By week's end, alfalfa hay harvest across the State neared completion, although progress was slightly behind normal. Two-thirds of the corn crop had been harvested for grain, and cotton harvest neared the halfway mark. Pecan growers were steadily harvesting the early-variety trees in their orchards. Reports of drying conditions were noted in Curry County, leaving the recently sown winter wheat crop in need of additional moisture to maintain the excellent condition seen thus far. Statewide, winter wheat condition was reported as 67 percent good to excellent, compared with 59 percent last week, 38 percent last year and a 5-year average of 34 percent. Overall, topsoil moisture levels were reported as 70 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 77 percent last week, 38 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 37 percent. Measurable moisture was recorded at 26 of the 45 reporting weather stations during the week, with the largest accumulation, 0.83 inch, reported at Cloudcroft. Average temperatures ranged from 4 degrees below to 9 degrees above normal. Daytime highs varied from 56 degrees at Angel Fire to 86 degrees at Carlsbad. Overnight lows ranged from 10 degrees at Angel Fire to 44 degrees at NMSU and Truth or Consequences. Overall, pasture and range condition was reported as 40 percent good to excellent, compared with 40 percent last week, 33 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 26 percent. While there was not a change in the percent of pastures and ranges rated good to excellent, there was a 4 percentage point increase in those rated poor or very poor. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent severe, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent light, compared with 1 percent severe, 3 percent moderate, and 2 percent light last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent severe, 1 percent moderate, and 5 percent light, compared with 1 percent severe, 2 percent moderate, and 8 percent light last week. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 2 percent very short, 21 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent very short, 18 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 3 percent very short, 17 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared with 3 percent very short, 13 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 8 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.....	92	87	94	95
Chile				
Red harvested.....	79	74	73	67
Corn				
Mature.....	94	91	98	99
Harvested for grain.....	67	55	51	64
Cotton				
Harvested.....	45	32	59	48
Peanuts				
Harvested.....	77	61	86	80
Pecans				
Harvested.....	20	15	17	4
Sorghum				
Harvested for grain.....	55	35	40	45
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves.....	38	38	50	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	56	45	64	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.....	6.7	6.8	6.4	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	3	10	31
Short.....	25	20	52	32
Adequate.....	69	75	36	36
Surplus.....	1	2	2	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	4	11	NA
Short.....	30	22	34	NA
Adequate.....	65	73	54	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)
Cotton				
Very poor.....	6	2	NA	NA
Poor.....	9	3	NA	NA
Fair.....	50	57	NA	NA
Good.....	30	32	NA	NA
Excellent.....	5	6	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	4	2	4	22
Poor.....	21	19	20	22
Fair.....	35	39	43	30
Good.....	34	34	27	21
Excellent.....	6	6	6	5
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	2	1	7	19
Good.....	68	72	42	51
Excellent.....	30	27	51	30
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	NA
Poor.....	4	8	4	NA
Fair.....	52	55	66	NA
Good.....	31	32	27	NA
Excellent.....	13	4	3	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	6
Poor.....	2	4	24	16
Fair.....	31	36	38	44
Good.....	51	43	26	29
Excellent.....	16	16	12	5
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	2	2	2	NA
Poor.....	3	3	4	NA
Fair.....	20	28	35	NA
Good.....	61	57	51	NA
Excellent.....	14	10	8	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	10	8	12	NA
Poor.....	15	10	12	NA
Fair.....	25	17	16	NA
Good.....	50	58	52	NA
Excellent.....	--	7	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_11122017.pdf