

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** New Mexico recorded very low amounts of precipitation last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Green chile harvest increased to 95 percent complete, up from 88 percent last week. Red chile harvest continued to progress, and was 18 percent complete. The corn crop was 85 percent doughed, and silage harvest was 60 percent complete. Onion planting continued, and was 10 percent complete. Winter wheat planting increased to 68 percent complete, with 10 percent of the crop emerged. Cattle and sheep were observed to be in mostly good condition, at 38 percent and 81 percent, respectively.

According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data, the small amounts of precipitation throughout the State were limited to the northern and central counties. San Miguel and Taos County received up to 0.5 inch, while Colfax and Santa Fe Counties recorded up to 0.2 inch. The rest of the State recorded less than 0.1 inch, but most areas recorded no measurable moisture. According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC), temperatures were above normal. Parts of Socorro, San Juan, and Lea Counties saw temperatures up to 8 degrees above normal, while the rest of the State saw temperatures up to 6 degrees above normal. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for September 24, the State continues to remain free from exceptional drought (D4) conditions. Extreme drought (D3) conditions remained unchanged from last week at just under 3 percent, severe drought (D2) conditions also remained unchanged at 15 percent, moderate drought (D1) conditions decreased to 17 percent, and abnormally dry (D0) conditions decreased slightly to 37 percent. Drought-free conditions increased to 28 percent.

No hail damage was reported. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 9 percent severe, 11 percent moderate, and 9 percent light. Pecan nut set was reported as 43 percent heavy, 54 percent moderate, and 3 percent light. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 15 percent very short, 30 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus, compared with 24 percent very short, 39 percent short, 36 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 26 percent very short, 37 percent short, and 37 percent adequate, compared with 35 percent very short, 43 percent short, 20 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus last week.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
5 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested .....	80	67	12	54
6 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested .....	15	2	NA	NA
Chile				
Green harvested .....	95	88	87	NA
Red harvested .....	18	4	18	17
Corn				
Doughed .....	85	76	74	NA
Dented .....	65	58	47	72
Mature.....	27	17	NA	NA
Harvested for silage.....	60	52	17	57
Cotton				
Setting Bolls.....	98	90	79	NA
Bolls Opening .....	50	37	24	37
Onions				
Planted.....	10	2	NA	NA
Winter Wheat				
Planted.....	68	62	50	65
Emerged .....	10	NA	15	38
Cattle and Calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	47	28	NA	NA
Sheep and Lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	28	24	NA	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.....	7.0	6.6	6.9	6.6
Topsoil Moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	20	20	42	30
Short .....	43	43	38	43
Adequate.....	31	31	20	26
Surplus.....	6	6	--	1
Subsoil Moisture				
Very short.....	26	26	39	37
Short .....	46	46	41	41
Adequate.....	26	26	20	21
Surplus.....	2	2	--	1

NA – not available  
 (--) – zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	1
Poor .....	--	--	1	3
Fair .....	12	21	20	28
Good .....	68	62	57	50
Excellent .....	20	17	22	18
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor .....	--	3	7	3
Poor .....	--	8	6	7
Fair .....	26	35	26	29
Good .....	21	17	40	31
Excellent .....	53	37	21	30
<b>Cotton</b>				
Very Poor .....	--	2	--	3
Poor .....	10	15	11	18
Fair .....	20	29	33	40
Good .....	29	21	32	29
Excellent .....	41	33	24	10
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very Poor.....	9	13	8	11
Poor.....	35	41	23	26
Fair .....	29	33	28	38
Good.....	6	5	23	15
Excellent.....	21	8	18	10
<b>Pecans</b>				
Very Poor .....	--	1	1	--
Poor .....	--	1	1	3
Fair .....	6	7	4	11
Good .....	28	30	10	48
Excellent .....	66	61	84	38
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very Poor .....	--	2	3	2
Poor.....	6	9	3	8
Fair .....	25	34	22	39
Good .....	38	44	30	31
Excellent.....	31	11	42	20
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	6	9
Poor .....	--	--	8	8
Fair.....	18	22	21	34
Good .....	81	74	54	44
Excellent .....	1	4	11	5

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