

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 13, 2024

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** New Mexico producers once again saw high temperatures and low rainfall last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Red chile harvest continued, and was 29 percent complete. The corn crop was 93 percent doughed, and 80 percent dented. Silage harvest was 67 percent complete, while grain harvest was 8 percent complete. Onion planting increased to 23 percent and winter wheat emergence increased to 30 percent complete. Most cattle and sheep were observed to be in fair to good condition, at 42 percent and 50 percent, respectively.

According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data, the small amounts of precipitation throughout the State were limited to Catron and Otero Counties, as each recorded up to 0.2 inch. The rest of the State recorded less than 0.01 inch, with most counties receiving no measurable moisture. According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC), temperatures were once again well above normal. Parts of Union and Lea Counties saw temperatures over 10 degrees above normal, while the rest of the State recorded temperatures up to 8 degrees above normal. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for October 1, the State continues to remain free from exceptional drought (D4) conditions. Extreme drought (D3) conditions increased from last week to 3 percent, severe drought (D2) conditions remained unchanged at 15 percent, moderate drought (D1) conditions remained unchanged, at 17 percent, and abnormally dry (D0) conditions remained unchanged at 37 percent. Drought-free conditions also remained unchanged, at 28 percent.

Wind damage in all crops was reported as 3 percent severe, 3 percent moderate, and 5 percent light. No hail damage was reported. Pecan nut set was reported as 50 percent heavy, 44 percent moderate, and 6 percent light. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 17 percent very short, 40 percent short, 38 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus, compared with 8 percent very short, 31 percent short, 54 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 32 percent very short, 39 percent short, 27 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 24 percent very short, 30 percent short, and 46 percent adequate 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 .....	92	82	41	78
6 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested .....	35	20	19	40
Chile				
Red harvested .....	29	26	29	40
Corn				
Doughed .....	93	90	91	NA
Dented .....	80	68	67	NA
Mature .....	49	44	26	64
Harvested for grain .....	8	1	3	9
Harvested for silage .....	67	65	31	73
Cotton				
Bolls Opening .....	55	54	39	59
Onions				
Planted .....	23	15	11	NA
Winter Wheat				
Emerged .....	30	19	58	65
Cattle and Calves				
Receiving supplemental feed .....	27	50	NA	NA
Sheep and Lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed .....	30	30	NA	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 .....	6.9	7.0	6.8	6.5
Topsoil Moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	29	19	32	25
Short .....	46	40	55	44
Adequate .....	22	36	11	29
Surplus .....	3	5	2	2
Subsoil Moisture				
Very short .....	33	26	31	29
Short .....	43	41	59	47
Adequate .....	22	28	9	23
Surplus .....	2	5	1	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 .....	2	--	--	NA
Poor .....	4	--	--	NA
Fair .....	16	4	33	NA
Good .....	58	67	63	NA
Excellent .....	20	29	4	NA
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor .....	6	--	3	2
Poor .....	7	--	10	6
Fair .....	36	27	29	27
Good .....	11	19	35	30
Excellent .....	40	54	23	35
<b>Cotton</b>				
Very Poor .....	4	--	--	2
Poor .....	21	12	11	18
Fair .....	34	25	28	41
Good .....	22	31	19	24
Excellent .....	19	32	42	15
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very Poor.....	13	12	7	9
Poor.....	37	28	22	26
Fair.....	30	26	42	39
Good.....	9	6	14	17
Excellent.....	11	28	15	9
<b>Pecans</b>				
Very Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	--	1	2
Fair.....	6	9	2	9
Good.....	28	34	11	50
Excellent.....	65	57	86	39
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor .....	34	--	NA	NA
Poor .....	41	--	NA	NA
Fair.....	10	--	NA	NA
Good .....	3	5	NA	NA
Excellent .....	12	95	NA	NA
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very Poor .....	2	3	2	2
Poor.....	9	11	9	9
Fair.....	42	19	22	36
Good .....	36	32	43	35
Excellent.....	11	35	24	18
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor .....	1	--	16	7
Poor .....	6	2	15	10
Fair.....	34	17	32	34
Good .....	50	76	36	46
Excellent .....	9	5	1	3

NA – not available

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