

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 3, 2024

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** While much of New Mexico remained relatively dry, heavy rainfall was noted along the eastern border stretching south from Curry County into Dona Ana County and west into Chaves County, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Red chile harvest progressed and was 60 percent complete. The corn crop was 68 percent matured. Silage harvest was 81 percent complete, while grain harvest was 34 percent complete. Onion planting increased to 66 percent complete, and 39 percent of the crop had emerged. Winter wheat emergence also increased significantly, to 97 percent. Most cattle were observed to be in fair condition at 42 percent, while most sheep were observed to be in fair condition at 49 percent.

According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data, over 6 inches of rainfall was recorded in remote areas of Chaves County last week. A half inch or more was measure across a more widespread portion of the southeast. In Union County, light rains were reported, although little to no accumulation was evident. Additionally, wheat conditions have improved, and cattle were being moved into crop stalk pastures. Range land grasses had matured. Most sheep have been moved, and producers were utilizing those pens to feed calves. According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC), average temperatures varied, with counties in northwestern New Mexico noting seasonal temperatures, while southeastern counties recorded temperatures 6 degrees or more above average. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for October 29, the State continues to remain free from exceptional drought (D4) conditions. Extreme drought (D3) conditions remained unchanged from last week, at just over 6 percent, severe drought (D2) conditions increased to just over 13 percent, moderate drought (D1) conditions decreased slightly to just under 14 percent, and abnormally dry (D0) conditions sat just over 45 percent. The area rated drought-free was 21 percent.

Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent moderate and 3 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 2 percent severe, 7 percent moderate, and 12 percent light. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 26 percent very short, 43 percent short, 29 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 26 percent very short, 36 percent short, 34 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 31 percent very short, 45 percent short, and 24 percent adequate, compared with 36 percent very short, 39 percent short, and 25 percent adequate last week.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
6 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested .....	79	70	42	70
Chile				
Red harvested .....	60	54	64	73
Corn				
Mature.....	68	66	71	NA
Harvested for grain .....	34	25	31	36
Harvested for silage.....	81	80	72	NA
Cotton				
Bolls Opening .....	87	82	67	NA
Harvested .....	4	NA	NA	NA
Onions				
Planted.....	66	55	44	NA
Emerged .....	39	30	32	NA
Pecans				
Harvested .....	7	5	6	4
Winter Wheat				
Emerged .....	97	70	90	87
Cattle and Calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	29	30	NA	NA
Sheep and Lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	33	37	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.....	6.4	6.7	7.0	6.6
Topsoil Moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	42	34	42	29
Short .....	41	44	43	42
Adequate.....	15	20	14	26
Surplus.....	2	2	1	3
Subsoil Moisture				
Very short.....	46	41	41	31
Short .....	42	43	42	44
Adequate.....	11	15	16	24
Surplus.....	1	1	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>Corn</b>				
Very poor .....	7	6	NA	NA
Poor .....	24	21	NA	NA
Fair .....	39	30	NA	NA
Good .....	7	11	NA	NA
Excellent .....	23	32	NA	NA
<b>Cotton</b>				
Very Poor .....	5	4	11	4
Poor .....	35	39	18	18
Fair .....	44	40	28	41
Good .....	9	8	10	23
Excellent .....	7	9	33	14
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very Poor .....	20	17	11	12
Poor .....	36	35	39	27
Fair .....	29	30	35	36
Good .....	8	9	8	19
Excellent .....	7	9	7	6
<b>Pecans</b>				
Very Poor .....	1	1	1	2
Poor .....	1	1	1	4
Fair .....	8	6	2	9
Good .....	29	28	1	42
Excellent .....	61	64	95	43
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor .....	26	34	4	2
Poor .....	32	41	11	20
Fair .....	29	10	51	34
Good .....	1	3	15	29
Excellent .....	12	12	19	15
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very Poor .....	4	3	2	3
Poor .....	11	10	4	8
Fair .....	42	37	40	38
Good .....	32	32	37	35
Excellent .....	11	18	17	16
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor .....	1	1	5	4
Poor .....	8	10	10	9
Fair .....	49	40	37	34
Good .....	41	48	42	45
Excellent .....	1	1	6	8

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