

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 24, 2024

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Most of New Mexico saw little to no moisture last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Red chile harvest continued and was 85 percent complete. Grain corn harvest was 83 percent complete, up from 61 percent last week. Cotton harvest continued, and was 30 percent complete. Most cattle and sheep were observed to be in good condition, at 39 percent and 62 percent, respectively.

According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data, eastern counties saw nearly all the measurable moisture in the State last week. Parts of Chaves and Curry Counties recorded up to 0.5 inch, while surrounding counties recorded up to 0.3 inch. The rest of the State recorded less than 0.1 inch. According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC), temperatures ranged from 5 degrees above normal to 5 degrees below normal for most of the State last week. However, mountainous areas of Union and Harding Counties saw temperatures up to 12 degrees below normal. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for November 19, the State remains free from exceptional drought (D4) conditions. Extreme drought (D3) conditions decreased from last week to 5 percent, severe drought (D2) conditions remained unchanged at 11 percent, moderate drought (D1) conditions decreased to just over 11 percent, and abnormally dry (D0) conditions decreased to just over 36 percent. Drought-free (D0) conditions increased to 36 percent.

Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 12 moderate and 20 percent light. Wind damage was reported as 4 percent severe, 4 percent moderate, and 8 percent light. No hail damage was reported. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 23 percent very short, 38 percent short, 37 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 19 percent very short, 33 percent short, 46 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 11 percent very short, 41 percent short, 43 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus, compared with 20 percent very short, 38 percent short, 37 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus last week.

**Note:** This release concludes the weekly crop progress report for 2024. Next year's New Mexico weekly report will begin in April 2025. Monthly reports will be released for December on January 6, 2025; for January on February 3, 2025; for February on March 3, 2025; and for March on March 31, 2025. Our thanks to the weekly reporters for providing crop progress observations during the 2024 season.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Chile				
Red harvested .....	85	80	80	NA
Corn				
Harvested for grain .....	83	61	67	75
Cotton				
Harvested .....	30	12	59	65
Onions				
Emerged .....	65	61	58	NA
Pecans				
Harvested .....	35	25	42	25
Cattle and Calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	37	38	NA	NA
Sheep and Lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	50	32	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	5.6	6.8	6.4
Topsoil Moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	16	24	35	30
Short .....	33	25	43	41
Adequate.....	37	28	21	27
Surplus.....	14	23	1	2
Subsoil Moisture				
Very short.....	12	18	36	34
Short .....	40	44	43	42
Adequate.....	36	27	20	23
Surplus.....	12	11	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>Cotton</b>				
Very Poor .....	1	4	NA	NA
Poor .....	15	31	NA	NA
Fair .....	23	37	NA	NA
Good .....	17	8	NA	NA
Excellent .....	44	20	NA	NA
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very Poor.....	11	10	10	15
Poor.....	27	18	41	30
Fair.....	23	30	39	35
Good.....	22	20	5	13
Excellent.....	17	22	5	7
<b>Pecans</b>				
Very Poor.....	--	--	--	4
Poor.....	1	1	1	7
Fair.....	5	6	5	9
Good.....	30	23	10	40
Excellent.....	64	70	84	40
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor .....	--	8	--	3
Poor .....	25	26	22	23
Fair.....	25	29	50	34
Good.....	27	10	15	25
Excellent.....	23	27	13	15
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very Poor .....	1	1	2	2
Poor.....	10	9	14	12
Fair.....	36	37	34	37
Good.....	39	42	41	33
Excellent.....	14	11	9	16
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor .....	--	1	8	5
Poor .....	--	2	8	9
Fair.....	18	27	34	39
Good.....	62	63	49	44
Excellent.....	20	7	1	3

NA – not available

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