

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION  
WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 25, 2015

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Late-week storms dumped moderate to heavy rainfall in numerous locations during the week, with nine weather stations reporting at least 2 inches, and 27 accumulating at least 1 inch. Most notably, Gran Quivira and Conchas Dam totaled 3.38 and 3.33 inches, respectively. Some reports indicated a limited amount of high-mountain snow. Field and ranch work were slowed, or in some locations halted due to substantial downpours. Temperatures continued to cool off, with weekly averages ranging from 41 degrees at Red River to 65 degrees at NMSU. Daytime highs varied by 24 degrees – from 61 degrees at Chama and Eagle Nest to 85 degrees at Santa Teresa and NMSU. Overnight lows dipped to freezing or below at 13 weather stations. The first frost of the season was reported for Rio Arriba County during the week. As weather conditions allowed, row crop growers harvested corn, cotton, peanuts, and sorghum, while winter wheat was being seeded. Red chile harvesting continued ahead of the average pace, and the fall lettuce harvest gained speed. Pecan nut set was reported as 13 percent heavy, 78 percent moderate, and 9 percent light. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 10 percent light and 5 percent moderate. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 8 percent light and 2 percent moderate. Stock water supplies were reported as 4 percent very short, 17 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Feed and concentrate supplies were reported as 1 percent short, 95 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
6 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested .....	70	55	84	82
Chile				
Red harvested .....	56	38	34	32
Corn				
Mature .....	76	70	94	94
Harvested for grain.....	16	11	34	43
Harvested for silage.....	95	91	95	98
Cotton				
Bolls opening .....	95	91	83	94
Harvested .....	36	21	6	14
Fall lettuce				
Harvested .....	9	2	NA	NA
Peanuts				
Harvested .....	45	35	43	51
Sorghum				
Mature .....	85	60	49	54
Harvested for grain.....	21	2	5	13
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	85	71	99	99
Emerged .....	71	60	84	87
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves .....	67	NA	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	72	NA	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.....	5.3	6.5	6.6	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	12	13	28	34
Short .....	36	38	24	35
Adequate .....	48	46	46	30
Surplus .....	4	3	2	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	9	27	NA
Short .....	24	32	29	NA
Adequate .....	64	58	42	NA
Surplus .....	3	1	2	NA

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn				
Very poor .....	--	--	3	2
Poor.....	--	--	4	7
Fair.....	11	12	26	35
Good .....	53	51	35	42
Excellent .....	36	37	32	14
Cotton				
Very poor .....	--	--	2	5
Poor.....	4	4	4	17
Fair.....	26	25	51	33
Good .....	60	61	26	29
Excellent .....	10	10	17	16
Fall Lettuce				
Very poor .....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Fair.....	15	--	NA	NA
Good .....	55	60	NA	NA
Excellent .....	30	40	NA	NA
Pasture and Range				
Very poor .....	4	4	11	30
Poor.....	8	9	22	25
Fair.....	32	33	37	26
Good .....	45	42	24	16
Excellent .....	11	12	6	3
Peanuts				
Very poor .....	--	--	3	5
Poor.....	--	--	19	27
Fair.....	72	72	71	48
Good .....	28	28	7	20
Excellent .....	--	--	--	--
Pecans				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	13	13	24	21
Good .....	77	77	60	52
Excellent .....	10	10	16	26
Sorghum				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	13
Poor.....	2	1	3	15
Fair.....	12	12	28	34
Good .....	81	81	63	35
Excellent .....	5	6	6	3
Winter wheat				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	39	44	90	NA
Good .....	52	46	8	NA
Excellent .....	9	10	2	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor .....	1	1	2	NA
Poor.....	2	2	9	NA
Fair.....	24	24	39	NA
Good .....	62	66	43	NA
Excellent .....	11	7	7	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor .....	15	15	18	NA
Poor.....	15	15	24	NA
Fair.....	15	15	30	NA
Good .....	52	52	28	NA
Excellent .....	3	3	--	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/2015/NM\\_Weather\\_10252015.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/NM_Weather_10252015.pdf)