

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 22, 2015

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** With the exception of the most of the southeast, measurable precipitation was recorded across much of New Mexico during the week. Eagle Nest reported the largest accumulation at 1.26 inches, followed by Santa Fe, Capulin, and Chama with 1.20, 1.06, and 1.01 inches, respectively. Average temperatures for most areas were below normal, ranging from 26 degrees at Chama and Eagle Nest to 51 degrees at Carlsbad. Overnight lows varied from 1 degree at Eagle Nest to 29 degrees at NMSU with reports of heavy, killing frosts in portions of District 70 and District 90. Daytime highs differed by 32 degrees – from 48 at Chama to 80 at Carlsbad. Winter wheat condition ratings ticked up slightly with 62 percent reported in good to excellent condition, compared with a 5-year average of 23 percent. The red chile and fall lettuce harvests were virtually complete. Pecan nut set was reported as 20 percent heavy, 71 percent moderate, and 9 percent light. Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent severe, 12 moderate, and 30 percent light. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 5 percent moderate and 4 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 12 percent moderate and 5 percent light. Stock water supplies were reported as 4 percent very short, 18 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Feed and concentrate supplies were reported as 2 percent short, 91 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Chile				
Red harvested .....	93	87	62	73
Corn				
Harvested for grain.....	60	50	59	91
Cotton				
Harvested .....	75	62	46	64
Fall lettuce				
Harvested .....	98	90	NA	NA
Peanuts				
Harvested .....	91	86	79	85
Pecans				
Harvested .....	13	--	1	3
Sorghum				
Harvested for grain.....	75	65	37	68
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves .....	76	72	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	81	76	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.....	6.6	6.7	6.4	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	12	13	29	42
Short .....	39	35	25	33
Adequate .....	47	50	44	24
Surplus .....	2	2	2	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	9	27	NA
Short .....	26	25	29	NA
Adequate .....	64	65	42	NA
Surplus .....	1	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)
Pasture and Range				
Very poor .....	4	4	15	32
Poor.....	8	8	23	24
Fair.....	33	33	32	28
Good .....	44	44	25	14
Excellent .....	11	11	5	2
Pecans				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	14	13	24	20
Good .....	70	77	60	51
Excellent .....	16	10	16	29
Winter wheat				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	12
Poor.....	--	--	--	19
Fair.....	38	39	70	46
Good .....	50	52	27	21
Excellent .....	12	9	3	2
Cattle and calves				
Very poor .....	1	1	2	NA
Poor.....	2	2	9	NA
Fair.....	24	24	39	NA
Good .....	61	61	44	NA
Excellent .....	12	12	6	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor .....	15	15	18	NA
Poor.....	16	16	24	NA
Fair.....	14	14	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\\_11222015.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/NM_Weather_11222015.pdf)