

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 14, 2021

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Dry weather remained at the forefront of normal producer concerns as another week passed without any significant moisture falling, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Soil moisture and crop conditions were virtually unchanged. With nearly a week of days suitable for field or ranch work, producers stayed busy harvesting their remaining row crops or preparing their livestock herds for winter. Reports from Union County indicated that most cattle had been moved to corn or sorghum stalks. In Curry County, growers stayed busy harvesting corn and peanuts, while cattle were moved to winter wheat fields or shipped to markets. Statewide, 41 percent of the State's pastures and rangelands were reported in very poor or poor condition, compared with 55 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 37 percent. With little to no meaningful moisture, most natural stock water resources continued to dwindle under the dry conditions, while on-farm hay supplies were mostly adequate. During the past week, converted moisture totals – accounting for any precipitation received as snow – were extremely limited for a third week, with measurable moisture confined to a few northern locations and accumulations reported at 0.10 inch or less. Additionally, average temperatures remained warmer than normal for most areas, while overnight lows were well below freezing across large portions of northern and western New Mexico. According to the United States Drought Monitor for November 9, drought-free conditions were virtually non-existent, with only a very small area in southern Otero County rated in the category. With the ongoing dry weather and worsening conditions, abnormal dryness (D0) was reduced to cover 19.7 percent of the State, while moderate drought (D1) increased to 28.6 percent. Severe drought (D2) and extreme drought (D3) were unchanged, covering 40.3 and 11.2 percent of New Mexico, respectively. The State remained free of exceptional drought (D4). Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 79 percent short to very short, compared with 79 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 56 percent. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 11 percent light and 3 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 8 percent very short, 28 percent short, 54 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus, compared with 22 percent very short, 40 percent short, 36 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 16 percent very short, 29 percent short, 54 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 25 percent very short, 44 percent short, and 31 percent adequate last year.

### 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 .....	80	65	88	NA
Chile				
Red harvested .....	82	80	83	80
Corn				
Harvested for grain .....	60	45	76	66
Cotton				
Bolls opening .....	94	92	94	NA
Harvested .....	31	20	66	54
Peanuts				
Harvested .....	86	79	90	87
Pecans				
Harvested .....	22	4	4	13
Winter wheat				
Emerged .....	93	90	87	NA
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed .....	34	34	82	55
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed .....	50	51	83	58

NA – not available

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## DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.5	6.7	6.6	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	42	39	32	16
Short.....	37	41	47	40
Adequate.....	19	18	18	42
Surplus.....	2	2	3	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	41	40	42	19
Short.....	39	40	43	37
Adequate.....	19	19	13	43
Surplus.....	1	1	2	1

NA – not available

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## CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	3	3	NA	NA
Fair.....	38	44	NA	NA
Good.....	36	34	NA	NA
Excellent.....	23	19	NA	NA
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	15	17	NA	NA
Fair.....	39	38	NA	NA
Good.....	45	41	NA	NA
Excellent.....	1	4	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	21	18	20	10
Poor.....	20	19	35	27
Fair.....	33	40	36	38
Good.....	20	17	8	20
Excellent.....	6	6	1	5
Pecans				
Very poor.....	13	10	--	--
Poor.....	18	12	5	3
Fair.....	10	6	32	10
Good.....	57	66	63	57
Excellent.....	2	6	--	30
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	4	3	1	1
Poor.....	11	12	65	22
Fair.....	19	20	23	26
Good.....	37	42	5	33
Excellent.....	29	23	6	18
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	4	5	10	3
Poor.....	8	8	12	7
Fair.....	25	26	45	36
Good.....	40	42	25	42
Excellent.....	23	19	8	12
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	9	9	3	5
Poor.....	9	12	18	12
Fair.....	32	27	39	33
Good.....	47	47	40	48
Excellent.....	3	5	--	2

NA – not available

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