

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 29, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: While weekly average temperatures continued the colder trend as winter fast approaches, thermometer readings were actually warmer than normal at 37 of the 45 reporting weather stations. Overnight lows ranged from 4 degrees at Eagle Nest to 31 degrees at NMSU and Truth or Consequences. Daytime highs varied by 30 degrees – from 51 at Chama to 81 at Carlsbad. Precipitation was measured at all but 10 weather stations; however, accumulations ranged 0.02 inch at Animas to 1.16 inches at Tucumcari. Other notable precipitation totals included Gila Hot Spring with 1.12 inches and Redrock with 0.98 inch. Reporter comments from portions of District 30 indicated substantial ground moisture that impacted rural road conditions. Following the recent moisture, winter wheat condition ratings for the State ticked up slightly again this week, with 63 percent reported in good to excellent condition, compared with a 5-year average of 22 percent. In District 70, comments reflected improved pasture and rangeland conditions, although isolated areas continued a slower recovery due to prolonged drought. Pecan nut set was reported as 23 percent heavy, 68 percent moderate, and 9 percent light. Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 3 percent severe, 12 moderate, and 32 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, 17 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Feed and concentrate supplies were reported as 2 percent short, 91 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

Note: This report concludes the weekly crop progress report for 2015. Next year’s New Mexico weekly report will begin in April 2016. Monthly reports will be released for December on Monday, January 4, 2016; for January on Monday, February 1, 2016; for February on Monday, February 29, 2016; and for March on Monday, March 28, 2016.

Our thanks to the weekly reporters for providing crop progress observations during the 2015 season.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Chile				
Red harvested	96	93	64	76
Corn				
Harvested for grain.....	75	60	60	92
Cotton				
Harvested	91	75	48	70
Peanuts				
Harvested	95	91	80	88
Pecans				
Harvested	27	13	1	4
Sorghum				
Harvested for grain.....	95	75	48	79
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves	76	76	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	81	81	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.....	5.9	6.6	6.3	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	12	12	29	40
Short	31	39	25	34
Adequate	49	47	44	25
Surplus	8	2	2	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	8	9	27	NA
Short	23	26	29	NA
Adequate	68	64	42	NA
Surplus	1	1	2	NA
NA – not available				
(--) – zero				

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	28
Poor.....	8	8	23	25
Fair.....	34	33	32	32
Good	44	44	25	14
Excellent	10	11	5	1
Pecans				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	14	14	24	20
Good	70	70	60	53
Excellent	16	16	16	27
Winter wheat				
Very poor	--	--	--	14
Poor.....	--	--	--	18
Fair.....	37	38	71	46
Good	51	50	26	21
Excellent	12	12	3	1
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	1	1	2	NA
Poor.....	2	2	9	NA
Fair.....	24	24	39	NA
Good	62	61	44	NA
Excellent	11	12	6	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	15	15	18	NA
Poor.....	16	16	24	NA
Fair.....	15	14	30	NA
Good	51	52	28	NA
Excellent	3	3	--	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

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_11292015.pdf