

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 15, 2015

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Measurable precipitation was scarce across much of New Mexico during the week, with Redrock reporting the largest accumulation of a modest 0.28 inches. Temperatures continued their colder turn, with overnight lows dipping into the single digits at Eagle Nest, El Morro, and Quemado. Daytime highs varied by 25 degrees – from 54 at Chama to 79 at Carlsbad and Roswell. Cold overnight temperatures coupled with cooler autumn days have halted pasture growth in portions of the state; however, most winter wheat fields were reported to have excellent grazing available for cattle that were being overwintered on small grains. Statewide, producers were busy harvesting their remaining row crops. Pecan nut set was reported as 13 percent heavy, 78 percent moderate, and 9 percent light. Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 11 moderate and 27 percent light. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 5 percent moderate and 4 percent moderate. 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)
Alfalfa hay				
6 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested .....	95	85	99	99
Chile				
Red harvested .....	87	74	52	67
Corn				
Harvested for grain.....	50	40	49	86
Cotton				
Harvested .....	62	55	34	52
Fall lettuce				
Harvested .....	90	85	NA	NA
Peanuts				
Harvested .....	86	78	74	78
Sorghum				
Harvested for grain.....	65	50	25	52
Winter wheat				
Emerged .....	96	90	92	97
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves .....	72	65	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	76	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.....	6.7	6.0	6.9	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	13	13	29	39
Short .....	35	34	25	34
Adequate .....	50	51	44	26
Surplus .....	2	2	2	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	9	27	NA
Short .....	25	24	29	NA
Adequate .....	65	66	42	NA
Surplus .....	1	1	2	NA

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(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn				
Very poor .....	--	--	3	NA
Poor.....	--	--	4	NA
Fair.....	10	10	26	NA
Good .....	54	54	36	NA
Excellent .....	36	36	31	NA
Pasture and Range				
Very poor .....	4	4	15	33
Poor.....	8	8	23	24
Fair.....	33	33	31	26
Good .....	44	44	25	15
Excellent .....	11	11	6	2
Pecans				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	13	13	24	20
Good .....	77	77	60	48
Excellent .....	10	10	16	32
Winter wheat				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	11
Poor.....	--	--	--	18
Fair.....	39	39	68	49
Good .....	52	52	29	21
Excellent .....	9	9	3	1
Cattle and calves				
Very poor .....	1	1	2	NA
Poor.....	2	2	9	NA
Fair.....	24	24	38	NA
Good .....	61	62	44	NA
Excellent .....	12	11	7	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\\_11152015.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/NM_Weather_11152015.pdf)