

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Mostly warm weather last week with much needed precipitation experienced throughout the State. Moisture levels are currently mostly above the average annual level. The six weather station exceptions being Gran Quivira at -0.10, Carlsbad at -0.71, T or C at -0.80, Alamogordo at -1.19, Santa Fe at -2.59, and Artesia at -2.75 inches below normal. Average weekly temperatures varied by 23 degrees – from 53 degrees in Eagle Nest to 76 degrees in Tucumcari. Daytime highs did not break 100 degrees last week with Los Lunas seeing the highest temperature at 97 degrees. Only three weather stations reached freezing levels or below at Chama, El Vado Dam and Eagle Nest. Statewide, most crops continue to be rated in good to excellent condition. Fieldwork and crop development continued to advance well under mostly optimal conditions. Reporters indicated that pasture conditions were adequate in many locations, however sustained rains are needed in order to maintain edible forage. Water tanks across the State also appear to have filled with the recent rains. Pecan nut set was reported as 16 percent heavy, 75 percent moderate, and 9 percent light. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 4 percent light and 4 percent moderate. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light and 2 percent moderate. Stock water supplies were reported as 5 percent very short, 20 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
5 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested .....	80	65	81	85
6 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested .....	28	21	34	35
Chile				
Green harvested .....	95	92	92	92
Red harvested .....	14	9	--	--
Corn				
Dented .....	75	65	84	87
Mature .....	28	19	49	53
Harvested for silage.....	77	70	74	77
Cotton				
Bolls opening .....	68	51	47	59
Peanuts				
Harvested .....	14	NA	4	5
Sorghum				
Coloring .....	70	50	68	58
Mature .....	12	8	9	6
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	27	19	51	59
Emerged .....	3	--	9	25

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.....	7.0	6.0	5.9	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	14	14	29	31
Short .....	39	43	22	33
Adequate .....	46	42	45	34
Surplus .....	1	1	4	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	10	28	NA
Short .....	34	35	27	NA
Adequate .....	56	54	42	NA
Surplus .....	1	1	3	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)
Alfalfa				
Very poor .....	--	--	2	7
Poor.....	3	2	6	9
Fair.....	22	22	37	29
Good .....	48	48	44	47
Excellent .....	27	28	11	8
Corn				
Very poor .....	--	--	3	3
Poor.....	--	--	4	9
Fair.....	12	12	26	29
Good .....	51	51	32	40
Excellent .....	37	37	35	19
Cotton				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	5
Poor.....	3	3	4	17
Fair.....	23	24	51	33
Good .....	64	63	25	28
Excellent .....	10	10	20	17
Fall Lettuce				
Very poor .....	--	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Good .....	60	NA	NA	NA
Excellent .....	40	NA	NA	NA
Pasture and Range				
Very poor .....	4	4	14	27
Poor.....	7	6	17	24
Fair.....	35	33	39	27
Good .....	43	46	24	18
Excellent .....	11	11	6	4
Peanuts				
Very poor .....	--	--	3	6
Poor.....	--	--	19	25
Fair.....	69	71	71	49
Good .....	28	26	7	20
Excellent .....	3	3	--	--
Pecans				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	13	13	24	19
Good .....	77	77	60	52
Excellent .....	10	10	16	28
Sorghum				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	17
Poor.....	1	1	3	10
Fair.....	10	10	29	38
Good .....	84	85	60	30
Excellent .....	5	4	8	5
Cattle and calves				
Very poor .....	1	1	2	NA
Poor.....	2	2	10	NA
Fair.....	24	24	39	NA
Good .....	65	65	46	NA
Excellent .....	8	8	3	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor .....	15	15	19	NA
Poor.....	15	15	24	NA
Fair.....	15	15	31	NA
Good .....	52	52	25	NA
Excellent .....	3	3	1	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\\_09272015.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/NM_Weather_09272015.pdf)