

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION  
WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 13, 2016

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Dry weather returned to the State during the week, and temperatures remained above average, although several locations recorded overnight lows that dipped into the teens, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Measurable moisture was recorded at just 4 of the 46 reporting weather stations, with the largest accumulation of 0.10 inch noted at Clayton. Statewide, topsoil moisture conditions were rated 38 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 52 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 33 percent. Average temperatures varied from 1 to 10 degrees above normal. Daytime highs ranged from 60 degrees at Eagle Nest to 79 degrees at Antelope Wells. Overnight lows varied from 5 degrees at Eagle Nest to 39 degrees at NMSU. Statewide, the winter wheat crop showed some improvement following last week’s rainfall, with conditions reported as 38 percent good to excellent, compared with 33 percent last week, 61 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 26 percent. In Union County, cattle were moved onto corn stubble and wheat pastures; some hail-damaged corn fields were also being grazed. Harvest progress in portions of the southeast was slowed or halted following last week’s moisture, with expectations for an increase in fieldwork during the week ending November 20<sup>th</sup>. Statewide, pecan nut set was reported as 1 percent none, 27 percent light, 51 percent moderate, and 21 percent heavy. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light and 1 percent severe. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 31 percent light, 5 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Stock water supplies were reported as 7 percent very short, 20 percent short, 66 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	92	97
Chile				
Red harvested .....	75	64	83	68
Corn				
Harvested for grain.....	52	45	47	74
Cotton				
Harvested .....	60	52	60	49
Peanuts				
Harvested .....	88	75	84	75
Pecans				
Harvested .....	17	15	--	--
Sorghum				
Mature .....	89	80	100	92
Harvested .....	41	31	61	48
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves .....	50	50	72	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	64	60	76	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.....	6.4	6.1	6.7	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	10	12	13	36
Short .....	52	58	35	31
Adequate .....	36	28	50	32
Surplus .....	2	2	2	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	11	11	9	NA
Short .....	34	36	25	NA
Adequate .....	54	52	65	NA
Surplus .....	1	1	1	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)
Corn				
Very poor .....	2	2	--	NA
Poor.....	2	3	--	NA
Fair.....	29	29	10	NA
Good .....	47	46	54	NA
Excellent .....	20	20	36	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	4	4	4	33
Poor.....	20	20	8	23
Fair.....	43	44	33	25
Good .....	27	26	44	16
Excellent .....	6	6	11	3
Pecan				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	7	7	13	22
Good .....	42	42	77	54
Excellent .....	51	51	10	24
Sorghum				
Very poor .....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	4	4	NA	NA
Fair.....	66	67	NA	NA
Good .....	27	27	NA	NA
Excellent .....	3	2	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	13
Poor.....	24	29	--	18
Fair.....	38	38	39	43
Good .....	26	21	52	24
Excellent .....	12	12	9	2
Cattle and calves				
Very poor .....	2	2	1	NA
Poor.....	4	4	2	NA
Fair.....	35	35	24	NA
Good .....	51	51	61	NA
Excellent .....	8	8	12	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor .....	12	12	15	NA
Poor.....	12	12	16	NA
Fair.....	16	16	14	NA
Good .....	52	52	52	NA
Excellent .....	8	8	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/2016/NM\\_Weather\\_11132016.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/NM_Weather_11132016.pdf)