

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 4, 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Scattered showers and snowfall was reported across much of the State last week; with weekly moisture totals mostly above average, hampering producer's time to harvest corn, hay, and sorghum but benefiting winter wheat farmers, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The United States Drought Monitor released on November 1 categorized exceptional drought (D4) rooted across 15.5 percent of New Mexico, unchanged from last week. Severe to extreme drought (D2-D3) was reportedly covering 28.9 percent of the State, with 22.3 percent and 6.6 categorized as D2 and D3, respectively. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse were entrenched across 93.1 percent of the State, down 1.6 percent from last week. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 77 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 71 percent last week, 77 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 47 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 15 percent good to excellent, compared with 13 percent last week, 40 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 34 percent. Precipitation was recorded at all but one of the 46 reporting weather stations, with Los Alamos, at 1.14 inches, reporting the largest accumulation during the week. There were 4 additional weather stations that reported precipitation totals at or above one inch during the week. Average temperatures ranged from 6 degrees below to 3 degrees above normal. Daytime highs varied from 57 degrees at Taos to 85 degrees at Artesia and Carlsbad. Overnight lows ranged from 10 degrees at Angel Fire to 39 degrees at Truth or Consequences. Pecan nut set was reported as 6 percent light, 60 percent moderate, and 34 percent heavy. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 2 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 3 percent light and 2 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 3 percent very short, 25 percent short, and 72 percent adequate. Stock water supplies were reported as 7 percent very short, 20 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

### 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 .....	89	83	86	86
Chile				
Red harvested .....	45	37	74	58
Corn				
Mature .....	93	88	91	95
Harvested for grain .....	46	34	53	50
Cotton				
Bolls opening .....	92	85	99	96
Harvested .....	18	14	31	33
Peanuts				
Harvested .....	47	42	59	68
Pecans				
Harvested .....	8	7	14	NA
Sorghum				
Mature .....	81	65	99	84
Harvested .....	26	23	33	25
Winter wheat				
Emerged .....	96	93	99	94
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed .....	33	48	38	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed .....	39	48	45	NA

NA – not available  
 (--) – zero

### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork .....	5.0	4.7	6.8	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	6	7	3	18
Short .....	17	22	20	35
Adequate .....	66	64	75	45
Surplus .....	11	7	2	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	9	15	4	NA
Short .....	26	33	22	NA
Adequate .....	57	48	73	NA
Surplus .....	8	4	1	NA

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**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	1	1	2	4
Fair.....	20	29	30	31
Good.....	57	52	48	42
Excellent.....	22	18	19	22
<b>Cotton</b>				
Very poor.....	2	1	2	1
Poor.....	5	10	3	11
Fair.....	26	35	57	41
Good.....	56	52	32	33
Excellent.....	11	2	6	14
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	9	18	2	7
Poor.....	27	29	19	21
Fair.....	49	40	39	38
Good.....	11	11	34	28
Excellent.....	4	2	6	6
<b>Peanuts</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	19	10	NA	NA
Fair.....	57	60	NA	NA
Good.....	24	28	NA	NA
Excellent.....	--	2	NA	NA
<b>Pecans</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	10	7	1	13
Good.....	50	58	72	60
Excellent.....	40	35	27	27
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	--
Poor.....	3	2	8	5
Fair.....	30	35	55	42
Good.....	54	55	32	50
Excellent.....	13	8	4	3
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	1	2	1	1
Poor.....	19	22	4	9
Fair.....	14	16	36	46
Good.....	37	40	43	36
Excellent.....	29	20	16	8
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	2	NA
Poor.....	4	3	3	NA
Fair.....	37	43	28	NA
Good.....	47	45	57	NA
Excellent.....	11	8	10	NA
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	6	15	8	NA
Poor.....	6	8	10	NA
Fair.....	31	23	17	NA
Good.....	56	51	58	NA
Excellent.....	1	3	7	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/2018/NM-Weather-11042018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/NM-Weather-11042018.pdf)

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