

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 18, 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Below average temperatures resulted in hard freezes across the State, with snow reported in portions of the north, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Cattle were being turned out on winter grazing, although many auction barns were very busy marketing calves due to the lack of available forage following a prolonged drought. The United States Drought Monitor released on November 15 categorized exceptional drought (D4) rooted across 15.1 percent of New Mexico, down slightly from last week. Severe to extreme drought (D2-D3) was reportedly covering 23.4 percent of the State, with 16.4 percent and 7.0 percent categorized as D2 and D3, respectively. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse were entrenched across 92.1 percent of the State, unchanged from last week. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 69 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 71 percent last week, 56 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 45 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 16 percent good to excellent, compared with 16 percent last week, 43 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 34 percent. Precipitation was recorded at 22 of the 46 reporting weather stations, with Alcalde, at 0.65 inches, reporting the largest accumulation during the week. Average temperatures ranged from 19 degrees below to 2 degrees below normal. Daytime highs varied from 46 degrees at Angel Fire to 75 degrees at Carlsbad. Overnight lows ranged from -27 degrees Angel Fire to 21 degrees at Carlsbad and Truth or Consequences. Pecan nut set was reported as 6 percent light, 49 percent moderate, and 45 percent heavy. Freeze damage in all crops was reported at 22 percent light, 13 percent moderate, and 5 percent severe. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent light, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 3 percent light and 4 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 11 percent very short, 27 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 8 percent very short, 25 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 1 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 .....	95	94	98	99
Chile				
Red harvested .....	72	70	86	77
Corn				
Mature .....	96	94	96	99
Harvested for grain .....	69	61	71	65
Cotton				
Harvested .....	58	31	57	57
Peanuts				
Harvested .....	95	76	80	85
Pecans				
Harvested .....	15	13	24	12
Sorghum				
Mature .....	88	83	100	94
Harvested .....	40	30	68	57
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed .....	39	45	41	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed .....	32	27	50	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 .....	6.3	6.2	6.7	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	6	4	5	17
Short .....	25	25	39	38
Adequate .....	68	68	55	43
Surplus .....	1	3	1	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	11	10	5	NA
Short .....	26	27	37	NA
Adequate .....	61	60	57	NA
Surplus .....	2	3	1	NA

NA – not available  
 (--) – zero

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

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Cotton</b>				
Very poor.....	--	1	2	NA
Poor.....	13	12	4	NA
Fair.....	36	31	55	NA
Good.....	49	49	34	NA
Excellent.....	2	7	5	NA
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	11	6	2	8
Poor.....	30	32	18	18
Fair.....	43	46	37	40
Good.....	12	11	38	29
Excellent.....	4	5	5	5
<b>Pecans</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	8	10	2	15
Good.....	54	51	76	59
Excellent.....	38	39	22	26
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	4	1	NA	NA
Fair.....	28	21	NA	NA
Good.....	50	59	NA	NA
Excellent.....	18	19	NA	NA
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	3
Poor.....	9	16	2	8
Fair.....	9	10	35	43
Good.....	36	35	53	39
Excellent.....	45	38	9	7
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	NA
Poor.....	5	4	2	NA
Fair.....	28	30	24	NA
Good.....	51	53	63	NA
Excellent.....	16	13	10	NA
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	2	--	5	NA
Poor.....	14	6	10	NA
Fair.....	33	39	24	NA
Good.....	51	54	57	NA
Excellent.....	--	1	4	NA

NA – not available

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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-11182018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/NM-Weather-11182018.pdf)

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