

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 4, 2020

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** There were no reports of precipitation in New Mexico this week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The majority of the State continues to experience volatile temperatures. Daily high temperatures are above normal for this time of year, while daily low temperatures are below normal. Reports from the State also indicate high winds and extreme fire danger. With no moisture reported this week, drought conditions in the State have worsened. The United States Drought Monitor released on September 29 classified 2.9 percent of the State in exceptional drought (D4) conditions. The area impacted by extreme drought (D3) increased to 37.0 percent, up from 34.1 percent last week. Moderate drought (D2) increased slightly to cover 33.7 percent of the State, an increase of 0.8 percentage points from last week. The area of the state in moderate drought (D1) decreased to 26.3 percent and abnormal dryness (D0) decreased to 0.1 percent of the State, compared to 32.7 percent in D1 conditions and 0.2 percent in D0 conditions last week. Reports throughout the State indicate there is no moisture in sight. Despite dry and worsening conditions, producers continued to harvest fifth and sixth alfalfa cuttings as well as corn for grain and silage. Green chile harvest was reported at 91 percent complete this week, while red chile harvest was reported at 32 percent - which is approximately 20 days ahead of last year's progress at this time. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 90 percent short to very short, compared with 86 percent last week, 51 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 46 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 46 percent poor to very poor, compared with 51 percent last week, 46 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 28 percent. Pecan nut set was reported as 3 percent light, 62 percent moderate, and 35 percent heavy, compared with 14 percent light, 58 percent moderate, and 28 percent heavy last year. Hail damage across all crops was reported as 1 percent light. Wind damage across all crops was reported as 3 percent light and 2 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 10 percent very short, 35 percent short, and 55 percent adequate, compared with 12 percent very short, 38 percent short, 48 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 17 percent very short, 41 percent short, and 42 percent adequate, compared with 16 percent very short, 39 percent short, and 45 percent adequate last week.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
5 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested .....	65	62	94	87
6 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested .....	16	11	53	43
Chile				
Green harvested.....	91	89	93	94
Red harvested.....	32	14	5	18
Corn				
Doughed.....	99	93	93	NA
Dented.....	83	77	80	85
Mature.....	62	54	63	58
Harvested for grain.....	6	1	2	2
Harvested for silage.....	82	78	70	78
Cotton				
Bolls opening .....	43	37	57	64
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	74	67	84	75
Emerged .....	46	42	55	48
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	73	80	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	76	73	NA	NA

NA – not available

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### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork .....	6.8	6.8	5.4	5.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	40	40	17	12
Short.....	50	46	34	34
Adequate .....	10	14	45	50
Surplus .....	--	--	4	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	54	47	22	14
Short.....	35	39	41	32
Adequate .....	11	14	36	52
Surplus .....	--	--	1	2

NA – not available

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

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	4
Poor .....	2	6	8	9
Fair.....	26	35	34	26
Good.....	51	47	52	49
Excellent.....	20	11	5	12
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	1	2	1
Poor .....	4	1	5	3
Fair.....	28	32	34	27
Good.....	23	24	35	46
Excellent.....	44	42	24	23
Cotton				
Very poor.....	6	8	1	1
Poor .....	22	17	11	11
Fair.....	52	43	46	35
Good.....	17	26	32	45
Excellent.....	3	6	10	8
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	20	24	18	9
Poor .....	26	27	28	19
Fair.....	35	30	31	37
Good.....	13	12	15	28
Excellent.....	6	7	8	7
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	5	8	--	--
Poor .....	20	23	9	8
Fair.....	32	23	65	64
Good.....	43	46	26	27
Excellent.....	--	--	--	1
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	--
Poor .....	5	7	--	1
Fair.....	38	37	2	5
Good.....	57	55	46	67
Excellent.....	--	--	52	27
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Poor .....	66	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	24	NA	NA	NA
Good.....	4	NA	NA	NA
Excellent.....	6	NA	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	5	5	--	1
Poor .....	10	11	17	7
Fair.....	45	46	51	32
Good.....	30	21	21	50
Excellent.....	10	17	11	10
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	29	27	1	10
Poor .....	9	11	5	11
Fair.....	20	22	45	24
Good.....	40	40	39	50
Excellent.....	2	--	10	5

NA – not available

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