

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 1, 2020

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** The first major winter storm of the season delivered widespread, much-needed precipitation to the State during the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Depending on location, converted moisture totals – accounting for any precipitation received as snow – ranged from a trace to as much as 2 inches, potentially limiting fieldwork for some producers. Temperatures during the same period were cooler than normal, with overnight lows dipping into the single digits in some northeastern locations. Reports from Union County noted that 12-20 inches of snow fell over a 3-day period, but that it had melted by week’s end, leaving standing water in some fields. Statewide, producers were wrapping up the corn silage harvest and the fifth cutting of alfalfa hay. Limited progress was made on the red chile, corn for grain, and cotton harvests. Peanut growers were able to harvest 27 percent of this year’s crop during the week, which equates to approximately 1,700 acres. Winter wheat seeding has been slow and behind normal, but progress was nearing completion, with much of the crop reported in poor to fair condition, a reflection of the dry soils across the State. According to the United States Drought Monitor released on October 29, drought conditions did not change when compared with last week. The entire State is suffering from moderate drought or worse. Moderate drought (D1) covered 14.7 percent of the State, severe drought (D2) was present across 18.2 percent, extreme drought (D3) covered 59.9 percent, and 7.2 percent of the State was categorized in exceptional drought (D4). Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 80 percent short to very short, compared with 88 percent last week, 58 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 44 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 37 percent poor to very poor, compared with 43 percent last week, 43 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 27 percent. Pecan nut set was reported as 1 percent light, 71 percent moderate, and 27 percent heavy. There was no hail damage reported in any crop. Wind damage across all crops was reported as 7 percent light and 5 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 22 percent very short, 38 percent short, 38 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 20 percent very short, 41 percent short, 37 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 20 percent very short, 41 percent short, and 39 percent adequate, compared with 22 percent very short, 38 percent short, and 40 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 .....	97	93	NA	NA
6 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested .....	77	63	96	83
Chile				
Red harvested .....	71	64	57	58
Corn				
Mature .....	95	91	90	90
Harvested for grain .....	42	38	43	40
Harvested for silage .....	96	92	NA	NA
Cotton				
Bolls opening .....	84	79	NA	NA
Harvested .....	41	32	21	30
Peanuts				
Harvested .....	66	39	79	63
Pecans				
Harvested .....	2	1	--	NA
Winter wheat				
Planted .....	95	92	NA	NA
Emerged .....	77	74	91	92
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed .....	73	76	64	49
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed .....	75	78	60	56

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	6.5	6.5	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	40	45	16	10
Short .....	40	43	42	34
Adequate .....	15	12	38	52
Surplus .....	5	--	4	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	43	47	21	11
Short .....	40	40	47	31
Adequate .....	15	13	31	55
Surplus .....	2	--	1	3

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>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	1
Poor .....	9	8	8	3
Fair.....	26	20	38	26
Good.....	10	19	31	46
Excellent.....	54	52	22	24
<b>Cotton</b>				
Very poor.....	5	5	3	1
Poor .....	23	21	19	11
Fair.....	53	52	48	38
Good.....	11	15	20	41
Excellent.....	8	7	10	9
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	9	12	15	7
Poor .....	28	31	28	20
Fair.....	45	42	32	39
Good.....	14	8	18	27
Excellent.....	4	7	7	7
<b>Peanuts</b>				
Very poor.....	5	5	NA	NA
Poor .....	20	20	NA	NA
Fair.....	33	33	NA	NA
Good.....	42	42	NA	NA
Excellent.....	--	--	NA	NA
<b>Pecans</b>				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	--
Poor .....	3	5	--	--
Fair.....	31	32	3	7
Good.....	65	63	39	56
Excellent.....	--	--	58	37
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	--	1	1	1
Poor .....	55	53	15	13
Fair.....	25	24	36	32
Good.....	9	12	40	39
Excellent.....	11	10	8	15
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	2	1	--	1
Poor .....	13	13	13	5
Fair.....	40	43	49	35
Good.....	32	25	20	47
Excellent.....	13	18	18	12
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	10	12	--	8
Poor .....	21	18	5	10
Fair.....	35	32	47	25
Good.....	34	38	46	53
Excellent.....	--	--	2	4

NA – not available

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