

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 29, 2020

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Parched soils coupled with high winds and limited precipitation left the recently sown winter wheat crop in mostly poor to very poor condition, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Reports from several counties noted that the wheat crop in some fields was blowing out under these conditions. Converted moisture totals – accounting for any precipitation received as snow – ranged from approximately 2 inches to merely a trace, with some areas dry. Cattle continued to be moved to winter grazing, as supplemental feeding remained high despite tight supplies. Comments noted that pasture grasses were extremely short in many areas, forcing some ranchers to reduce their herd size. According to the United States Drought Monitor released on November 25, the entire State was suffering from moderate drought or worse. The dry conditions continued to worsen as winter moisture has been below normal. During the past 60 days, accumulated moisture totals were 50 percent or more below average across much of the State. Moderate drought (D1) was present across less than 1 percent of the State. Severe drought (D2) covered 20.3 percent of the State, a decrease of 6.2 percentage points from last week. Extreme drought (D3) was present across 28.3 percent of New Mexico, down 12.8 percentage points from last week. Exceptional drought (D4) continued to expand, and now covered 61,941 square miles, or 51.0 percent of the State. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 82 percent short to very short, compared with 81 percent last week. Pasture and range condition was reported as 59 percent poor to very poor, compared with 54 percent last week. Hail damage across all crops was reported as 1 percent light. Wind damage across all crops was reported as 18 percent light and 5 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 20 percent very short, 52 percent short, and 28 percent adequate, compared with 20 percent very short, 48 percent short, and 32 percent adequate last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 25 percent very short, 49 percent short, and 26 percent adequate, compared with 24 percent very short, 47 percent short, and 29 percent adequate last week.

**Note:** This report concludes the weekly crop progress report for 2020. Next year’s New Mexico weekly report will begin in April 2021.

Monthly reports will be released for December in early January 2021; for January in late January 2021; for February in late February 2021; and for March in late March 2021.

Our thanks to the weekly reporters for providing crop progress observations during the 2020 season.

### 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 .....	96	94	NA	NA
Chile				
Red harvested .....	92	91	NA	NA
Corn				
Harvested for grain .....	88	85	NA	NA
Cotton				
Harvested .....	83	72	NA	NA
Pecans				
Harvested .....	17	5	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Emerged .....	95	92	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed .....	78	82	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed .....	84	85	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.....	6.7	6.6	NA	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	36	32	NA	NA
Short.....	46	49	NA	NA
Adequate.....	15	16	NA	NA
Surplus.....	3	3	NA	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	45	40	NA	NA
Short.....	44	45	NA	NA
Adequate.....	9	13	NA	NA
Surplus.....	2	2	NA	NA

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)
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	25	24	NA	NA
Poor.....	34	30	NA	NA
Fair.....	34	39	NA	NA
Good.....	6	6	NA	NA
Excellent.....	1	1	NA	NA
Pecans				
Very poor.....	1	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	7	6	NA	NA
Fair.....	28	32	NA	NA
Good.....	63	62	NA	NA
Excellent.....	1	--	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	1	NA	NA
Poor.....	66	66	NA	NA
Fair.....	24	23	NA	NA
Good.....	3	4	NA	NA
Excellent.....	6	6	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	9	NA	NA
Poor.....	16	13	NA	NA
Fair.....	50	44	NA	NA
Good.....	25	26	NA	NA
Excellent.....	8	8	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	1	2	NA	NA
Poor.....	16	18	NA	NA
Fair.....	42	45	NA	NA
Good.....	41	35	NA	NA
Excellent.....	--	--	NA	NA

NA – not available

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