

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 20, 2022

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Harvest activities and fieldwork continued across the State last week where conditions allowed, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Received precipitation was mostly concentrated in portions of northern and eastern New Mexico during week. Statewide, topsoil moisture was reported as 46 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 48 percent last week, 19 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 37 percent, while 49 percent of the pastures and ranges were reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 51 percent last week, 24 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 20 percent. Comments from reporters noted dry weather and drought conditions remained primary producer concerns. Alfalfa hay harvest and red chile harvest was nearly complete at 97 percent and 95 percent, respectively. Cotton harvest made progress last week at 48 percent complete, the same as last year, but behind the 5-year average of 62 percent. Comments from Union County noted corn, sorghum, and millet harvest was virtually complete. Area livestock producers continued moving cattle to graze post-harvest residues. Converted moisture totals during the past week ranged from approximately 1 inch in portions of Taos, Rio Arriba, and Santa Fe Counties to 0.25 inches or less in other areas of the State. Accumulations were mostly noted in northern and eastern counties, although isolated areas in Torrance, Guadalupe, and Lincoln Counties received up to 0.5 inches of moisture. With some reduction of drought noted compared to one month ago, isolated areas in a few counties continued to register yearly rainfall accumulation at or below 50 percent of normal. Conversely, yearly precipitation for an area centered over portions of Catron, Cibola, and Socorro Counties totaled 200 percent of normal or more. According to the United States Drought Monitor for November 15, exceptional drought (D4) continued its hold across a portion of land in Union County. Extreme drought (D3) was noted across 4.7 percent of the State, severe drought (D2) covered 15.6 percent, moderate drought (D1) covered 21.7 percent, and abnormal dryness (D0) covered 51.0 percent. All categories were unchanged from last week. Drought-free conditions covered 6.8 percent of the State, unchanged from a week ago. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 3 percent light and 1 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 10 percent very short, 20 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared with 9 percent very short, 32 percent short, 54 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 5 percent very short, 25 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 18 percent very short, 35 percent short, 46 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last year.

### 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 .....	97	90	89	NA
Chile				
Red harvested .....	95	90	86	85
Corn				
Harvested for grain .....	50	35	73	75
Cotton				
Bolls opening .....	96	90	97	NA
Harvested .....	48	35	48	62
Onions				
Planted .....	85	80	NA	NA
Emerged .....	31	25	NA	NA
Peanuts				
Harvested .....	84	81	94	NA
Pecans				
Harvested .....	23	16	25	17
Winter wheat				
Emerged .....	97	94	96	NA
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	47	55	42	55
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	39	31	53	59

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.....	6.7	6.5	6.8	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	20	17	41	23
Short .....	34	35	40	40
Adequate .....	45	44	16	35
Surplus .....	1	4	3	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	24	20	42	26
Short .....	36	42	41	40
Adequate .....	40	36	16	33
Surplus .....	--	2	1	1

NA – not available  
 (–) – zero

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

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	3	2	NA	NA
Poor .....	6	2	NA	NA
Fair.....	8	5	NA	NA
Good .....	32	35	NA	NA
Excellent.....	51	56	NA	NA
<b>Cotton</b>				
Very poor.....	5	3	--	NA
Poor .....	23	21	17	NA
Fair.....	41	37	37	NA
Good .....	27	29	43	NA
Excellent.....	4	10	3	NA
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	3	3	20	15
Poor .....	17	19	21	26
Fair.....	31	27	35	39
Good .....	29	36	20	17
Excellent.....	20	15	4	3
<b>Pecans</b>				
Very poor.....	--	1	15	3
Poor .....	3	3	17	7
Fair.....	3	3	8	12
Good .....	40	37	53	55
Excellent.....	54	56	7	23
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	1	3	7	3
Poor .....	2	4	14	22
Fair.....	44	39	22	24
Good .....	42	39	32	33
Excellent.....	11	15	25	18
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	4	3
Poor .....	5	4	9	9
Fair.....	25	30	29	33
Good .....	39	45	38	42
Excellent.....	30	20	20	13
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	--	3	11	6
Poor .....	9	7	6	11
Fair.....	32	21	40	38
Good .....	44	49	41	43
Excellent.....	15	20	2	2

NA – not available

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