

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 29, 2015

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** While weekly average temperatures continued the colder trend as winter fast approaches, thermometer readings were actually warmer than normal at 37 of the 45 reporting weather stations. Overnight lows ranged from 4 degrees at Eagle Nest to 31 degrees at NMSU and Truth or Consequences. Daytime highs varied by 30 degrees – from 51 at Chama to 81 at Carlsbad. Precipitation was measured at all but 10 weather stations; however, accumulations ranged 0.02 inch at Animas to 1.16 inches at Tucumcari. Other notable precipitation totals included Gila Hot Spring with 1.12 inches and Redrock with 0.98 inch. Reporter comments from portions of District 30 indicated substantial ground moisture that impacted rural road conditions. Following the recent moisture, winter wheat condition ratings for the State ticked up slightly again this week, with 63 percent reported in good to excellent condition, compared with a 5-year average of 22 percent. In District 70, comments reflected improved pasture and rangeland conditions, although isolated areas continued a slower recovery due to prolonged drought. Pecan nut set was reported as 23 percent heavy, 68 percent moderate, and 9 percent light. Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 3 percent severe, 12 moderate, and 32 percent light. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 5 percent moderate and 4 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 12 percent moderate and 5 percent light. Stock water supplies were reported as 4 percent very short, 17 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Feed and concentrate supplies were reported as 2 percent short, 91 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

**Note:** This report concludes the weekly crop progress report for 2015. Next year's New Mexico weekly report will begin in April 2016.

Monthly reports will be released for December on Monday, January 4, 2016; for January on Monday, February 1, 2016; for February on Monday, February 29, 2016; and for March on Monday, March 28, 2016.

Our thanks to the weekly reporters for providing crop progress observations during the 2015 season.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Chile				
Red harvested .....	96	93	64	76
Corn				
Harvested for grain.....	75	60	60	92
Cotton				
Harvested .....	91	75	48	70
Peanuts				
Harvested .....	95	91	80	88
Pecans				
Harvested .....	27	13	1	4
Sorghum				
Harvested for grain.....	95	75	48	79
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves .....	76	76	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	81	81	NA	NA

NA – not available

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### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	5.9	6.6	6.3	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	12	12	29	40
Short.....	31	39	25	34
Adequate .....	49	47	44	25
Surplus .....	8	2	2	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	8	9	27	NA
Short.....	23	26	29	NA
Adequate .....	68	64	42	NA
Surplus .....	1	1	2	NA

NA – not available

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

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Pasture and Range</b>				
Very poor .....	4	4	15	28
Poor .....	8	8	23	25
Fair .....	34	33	32	32
Good .....	44	44	25	14
Excellent .....	10	11	5	1
<b>Pecans</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor .....	--	--	--	--
Fair .....	14	14	24	20
Good .....	70	70	60	53
Excellent .....	16	16	16	27
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	14
Poor .....	--	--	--	18
Fair .....	37	38	71	46
Good .....	51	50	26	21
Excellent .....	12	12	3	1
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor .....	1	1	2	NA
Poor .....	2	2	9	NA
Fair .....	24	24	39	NA
Good .....	62	61	44	NA
Excellent .....	11	12	6	NA
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor .....	15	15	18	NA
Poor .....	16	16	24	NA
Fair .....	15	14	30	NA
Good .....	51	52	28	NA
Excellent .....	3	3	--	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/2015/NM\\_Weather\\_11292015.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/NM_Weather_11292015.pdf)