

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 27, 2016

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Measurable precipitation, although limited in amount, was widespread across the northern half of the State during the week, which helped to maintain soil moisture levels and winter wheat condition, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Conversely, spotty moisture was received at a handful of weather stations scattered across the south. Statewide, the winter wheat crop was reported as 41 percent good to excellent, unchanged from last week, but 22 percentage points below condition ratings from this point last year. The largest precipitation accumulation of 1.15 inches was noted at Quemado, followed by 1.11 and 1.08 inches at Otis and Chama, respectively. Despite the moisture received, extremely high winds were noted to be quickly drying soils. Statewide, topsoil moisture conditions were reported as 33 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 34 percent last week and 57 percent last year. Average temperatures varied from 1 to 8 degrees above normal. Daytime highs ranged from 52 degrees at Cloudcroft to 79 degrees at Conchas Dam. Overnight lows varied from 5 degrees at Eagle Nest to 33 degrees at NMSU and Truth or Consequences. Cattle continued to be moved to wheat pastures for overwintering. In the southeast, row crop harvesting was beginning to wind down. While some early variety pecans have already been harvested, most producers in Dona Ana County were waiting for the first hard freeze of the season to dry the leaves and hulls enough for the harvesting equipment to work. Statewide, pecan nut set was reported as 1 percent none, 29 percent light, 50 percent moderate, and 20 percent heavy. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 5 percent light and 1 percent severe. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 33 percent light, 5 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 5 percent very short, 5 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 7 percent very short, 20 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

**Note:** This report concludes the weekly crop progress report for 2016. Next year's New Mexico weekly report will begin in April 2017.

Monthly reports will be released for December on Tuesday, January 3, 2017; for January on Monday, January 30, 2017; for February on Monday, February 27, 2017; and for March on Monday, March 27, 2017.

Our thanks to the weekly reporters for providing crop progress observations during the 2016 season.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Chile				
Red harvested.....	87	81	95	78
Corn				
Harvested for grain.....	65	56	71	88
Cotton				
Harvested.....	87	73	86	75
Pecans				
Harvested.....	30	25	23	9
Sorghum				
Mature.....	98	94	100	97
Harvested.....	54	52	89	77
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves.....	53	52	76	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	65	66	81	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 .....	6.5	6.4	5.9	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	12	12	12	NA
Short .....	55	54	31	NA
Adequate.....	31	32	49	NA
Surplus.....	2	2	8	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	11	11	8	NA
Short .....	36	36	23	NA
Adequate.....	52	52	68	NA
Surplus.....	1	1	1	NA

NA – not available

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

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	4	4	4	NA
Poor.....	21	21	8	NA
Fair.....	43	43	34	NA
Good .....	27	27	44	NA
Excellent .....	5	5	10	NA
Pecan				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	6	6	14	NA
Good .....	48	45	70	NA
Excellent .....	46	49	16	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	23	23	--	NA
Fair.....	36	36	37	NA
Good .....	29	29	51	NA
Excellent .....	12	12	12	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor .....	2	2	1	NA
Poor.....	4	4	2	NA
Fair.....	35	36	24	NA
Good .....	51	51	62	NA
Excellent .....	8	7	11	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor .....	12	12	15	NA
Poor.....	13	12	16	NA
Fair.....	19	19	15	NA
Good .....	49	50	51	NA
Excellent .....	7	7	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/2016/NM Weather 11272016.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/NM_Weather_11272016.pdf)