

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 26, 2017

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Record-setting high temperatures, sparse precipitation, and gusty winds provided good harvest conditions for producers with crops still in their fields, but rapidly depleted soil moisture levels which led to the irrigation of some over-wintered small grains, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of days suitable for fieldwork equaled 6.8, compared with 6.7 days last week, and 6.5 days last year. Statewide, winter wheat condition was reported as 64 percent good to excellent, compared with 62 percent last week and 41 percent last year. Overall, topsoil moisture levels were reported as 44 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 56 percent last week and 33 percent last year. There was no measurable moisture recorded at any of the reporting weather stations during the week. Average temperatures ranged from 2 to 13 degrees above normal. Daytime highs varied from 61 degrees at Chama to 86 degrees at Artesia and Carlsbad. Overnight lows ranged from 5 degrees at El Vado Dam to 33 degrees at NMSU. Overall, pasture and range condition was reported as 40 percent good to excellent, compared with 43 percent last week and 32 percent last year. Comments from several counties indicated that livestock producers were rapidly marketing their cattle, while moving their herds to winter grazing. Supplemental feeding was increasing in areas where native feedstuffs were already deteriorating. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent severe, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent light, compared with 1 percent severe, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent light last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent severe, 3 percent moderate, and 6 percent light, compared with 3 percent moderate and 9 percent light last week. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 3 percent very short, 18 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus, compared with 3 percent very short, 23 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 5 percent very short, 16 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus, compared with 4 percent very short, 14 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus last week.

**Note:** This report concludes the weekly crop progress report for 2017. Next year's New Mexico weekly report will begin in April 2018.

Monthly reports will be released for December on Tuesday, January 2, 2018; for January on Monday, January 29, 2018; for February on Monday, February 26, 2018; and for March on Monday, March 26, 2018.

Our thanks to the weekly reporters for providing crop progress observations during the 2017 season.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Chile				
Red harvested .....	89	87	86	NA
Corn				
Harvested for grain .....	80	72	64	80
Cotton				
Harvested.....	73	59	85	76
Peanuts				
Harvested.....	85	81	99	NA
Pecans				
Harvested.....	30	25	29	NA
Sorghum				
Harvested for grain .....	75	70	54	74
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves.....	40	41	53	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	46	50	65	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.....	6.8	6.7	6.5	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	13	5	12	NA
Short .....	43	39	55	NA
Adequate.....	43	55	31	NA
Surplus.....	1	1	2	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	13	5	11	NA
Short .....	39	37	36	NA
Adequate.....	48	57	52	NA
Surplus.....	--	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.....	3	2	4	NA
Poor.....	20	18	21	NA
Fair.....	37	37	43	NA
Good .....	35	38	27	NA
Excellent .....	5	5	5	NA
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	4	2	6	NA
Good .....	73	76	48	NA
Excellent .....	23	22	46	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	NA
Poor.....	5	2	23	NA
Fair.....	30	35	36	NA
Good .....	53	53	29	NA
Excellent .....	11	9	12	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	2	1	2	NA
Poor.....	4	2	4	NA
Fair.....	19	24	35	NA
Good .....	63	63	51	NA
Excellent .....	12	10	8	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	6	5	12	NA
Poor.....	12	10	13	NA
Fair.....	20	24	19	NA
Good .....	54	57	49	NA
Excellent .....	8	4	7	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/2017/NM\\_Weather\\_11262017.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/NM_Weather_11262017.pdf)