

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 15, 2016

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Temperatures across the State were warmer compared with last week, with 13 weather stations reporting daytime highs of 90 degrees or more, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Strong winds reported in Dona Ana County caused concern amongst chile producers with emerged crops. Statewide, planting progress for chile was approximately one month behind last year's pace, and was also well behind normal. Precipitation was scarce in most locations during the week. The largest precipitation accumulation, 1.06 inches, was recorded at Tatum, with the next highest total, 0.45 inch, reported at Chama. As of May 15, year-to-date moisture accumulations were above normal at only 5 of the 45 reporting weather stations. The largest moisture deficit was -3.83 inches reported at Chama. Additionally, deficits of -2.47, -2.40, and -2.06 inches were noted at Clovis, Conchas Dam, and Moriarty, respectively. The inadequate water supply evident in Dona Ana County has led to some prevented plantings of cotton being reported. The dry conditions prevalent in the southwest had farmers and ranchers worried about an imminent drought situation. Average temperatures during the week varied from 4 degrees below to 10 degrees above normal. Daytime highs ranged from 70 degrees at Chama to 93 degrees at Deming and Roswell. Overnight lows varied from 19 degrees at Eagle Nest to 54 degrees at Carlsbad. Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 9 percent light. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 41 percent light and 8 percent moderate. Feed and concentrate supplies were reported as 2 percent very short, 11 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 9 percent very short, 19 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested.....	51	43	54	66
Chile				
Planted.....	87	85	100	97
Emerged .....	55	53	86	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	44	35	66	63
Emerged .....	8	2	24	23
Cotton				
Planted.....	47	42	55	65
Emerged .....	30	20	43	NA
Peanuts				
Planted.....	7	1	18	19
Sorghum				
Planted.....	10	8	27	14
Spring lettuce				
Harvested .....	30	3	54	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed .....	84	70	76	68
Cows calved.....	95	91	90	NA
Ewes lambd .....	93	89	91	NA
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves .....	63	66	40	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	48	45	50	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.....	6.4	6.6	5.4	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	10	11	13	54
Short.....	60	60	30	24
Adequate .....	30	29	56	22
Surplus .....	--	--	1	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	9	11	NA
Short.....	36	37	28	NA
Adequate .....	55	54	61	NA
Surplus .....	--	--	--	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

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

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	2	2	1	6
Fair.....	50	50	25	33
Good.....	37	37	42	45
Excellent.....	11	11	32	15
<b>Chile</b>				
Very poor.....	6	NA	--	NA
Poor.....	19	NA	--	NA
Fair.....	9	NA	9	NA
Good.....	38	NA	62	NA
Excellent.....	28	NA	29	NA
<b>Onions</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	2
Fair.....	--	--	2	14
Good.....	39	50	20	46
Excellent.....	61	50	78	38
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	2	2	8	41
Poor.....	17	17	11	29
Fair.....	48	48	37	19
Good.....	30	30	33	9
Excellent.....	3	3	11	2
<b>Spring lettuce</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	--	--	5	NA
Good.....	64	90	60	NA
Excellent.....	36	10	35	NA
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	3	3	1	48
Poor.....	19	19	8	11
Fair.....	36	36	48	22
Good.....	40	40	25	11
Excellent.....	2	2	18	8
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	2	2	1	NA
Poor.....	3	3	3	NA
Fair.....	37	37	32	NA
Good.....	53	53	59	NA
Excellent.....	5	5	5	NA
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	13	13	17	NA
Poor.....	12	11	19	NA
Fair.....	18	18	14	NA
Good.....	55	56	49	NA
Excellent.....	2	2	1	NA

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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 05152016.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/NM_Weather_05152016.pdf)