



New Mexico Crop Progress

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Crop Summary for the Week Ending May 18, 2014

New Mexico: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.2. Topsoil moisture was 48% very short, 19% short and 33% adequate. Subsoil moisture 44% very short, 19% short and 37% adequate. Wind damage was 13% light, 33% moderate and 8% severe. Freeze damage was reported at 13% light, 8% moderate and 18% severe.

County Comments: **Rio Arriba** - A front moved in early week and brought several inches of snow to higher elevations. This same front lowered temperatures causing severe frost damages to fruit trees in bloom, mainly apples. **Taos** - Rain and snow showers continue to improve dry conditions on pasture and crop lands. The wind and cold night temperatures have caused fruit trees in full bloom to freeze. Ranchers are starting to release cattle on Forest Service and BLM permitted grazing allotments. **Colfax** Just started irrigating this week. Only an inch was prorated and not sure if any other water is going to be allocated this year. **Curry** - Wind and cold temperatures stressing wheat, pastures and livestock. No field work observed for planting corn. Wheat is being baled and stored as silage, while some is still being grazed. Colder temperatures are also hampering alfalfa growth and will likely delay first cutting. Livestock are in moderate to good condition, but some are showing signs of a fairly cold and very dry winter. **Luna** - Pasture conditions continue to be without any adequate moisture. Ranchers are hoping for moisture in the next few months, otherwise they will continue to have to thin their herds to maintain what they can by having to purchase feed and haul water.

Crop Progress Table

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-year Average
Alfalfa Hay 1 st Cutting	55	48	49	73
Chiles Planted	97	95	92	97
Corn Planted	55	44	49	67
Corn Emerged	25	17	17	27
Cotton Planted	63	60	57	76
Sorghum Planted	12	10	3	14
Peanuts Planted	15	7	22	30
Lettuce Harvested	75	55	52	74
Winter Wheat Headed	50	45	43	78

Soil Moisture Condition Table

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture				
Current Week	48	19	33	-
Last Week	48	19	33	-
Last Year	81	17	2	-
5-Year Average	52	31	17	-
Subsoil Moisture				
Current Week	44	19	37	-
Last Week	44	19	37	-
Last Year	NA	NA	NA	NA
5-Year Average	NA	NA	NA	NA

Crop and Livestock Condition Table

Commodity	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa Hay	1	2	41	45	11
Chiles	2	3	29	61	5
Lettuce	-	-	5	44	51
Onions	-	-	10	41	49
Peanuts	10	45	45	-	-
Winter Wheat	42	21	13	11	13
Cattle	2	21	54	22	1
Sheep	19	26	48	7	-

Range and Pasture Condition Table

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	54	31	8	7	-
Northeast	40	26	27	7	-
Southwest	34	59	5	2	-
Southeast	12	73	15	-	-
State: Current Week	29	42	24	5	-
State: Last Week	29	42	24	5	-
State: Last Year	79	18	3	-	-
State: 5-Year Average	40	31	19	10	-

New Mexico Weather Data – May 12 – 18, 2014

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Average	Maximum	Minimum	Week	Month	Year-to-Date	Monthly Normal	Yearly Normal
Northwest								
Albuquerque	60.3	88	38	0.05	0.05	0.46	0.50	2.54
Chama	43.3	75	18	0.18	0.28	3.20	1.44	8.90
Farmington	55.4	85	29	0.09	0.19	1.40	0.54	3.09
Gallup	50.1	84	21	0.00	0.02	0.36	0.56	3.46
Grants	49.5	82	22	-	-	0.31	0.58	2.86
Johnson Ranch	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	1.65	0.65	3.64
Los Alamos	51.8	78	28	0.01	0.01	1.47	1.42	5.47
Red River	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	2.77	1.80	8.34
Santa Fe	52.2	83	26	0.02	0.02	1.07	0.94	3.78
Northeast								
Capulin	46.1	82	18	0.03	0.06	2.00	1.59	4.73
Clayton	55.1	85	35	-	-	0.46	1.99	4.03
Clovis	59.1	89	36	0.00	0.00	0.30	1.84	4.69
Las Vegas	47.5	79	22	0.12	0.16	0.76	1.51	4.15
Moriarty	49.1	84	20	0.06	0.06	1.04	1.25	4.09
Raton	49.3	84	21	-	0.05	1.23	1.94	5.09
Roy	50.0	82	25	0.03	0.07	0.67	1.84	3.98
Tucumcari	60.4	91	35	0.02	0.02	0.25	1.84	4.93
Southwest								
Animas	68.4	94	46	0.00	0.00	0.83	0.24	2.25
Deming	63.7	95	39	0.00	-	0.57	0.43	2.41
Gran Quivira	56.0	84	26	0.12	0.12	1.55	0.91	3.76
Quemado	49.4	79	18	0.00	-	1.08	0.53	2.70
Socorro	62.0	93	37	0.00	0.00	0.21	0.58	2.28
T or C	64.2	94	42	0.00	0.00	0.36	0.57	2.08
Southeast								
Alamogordo	63.0	94	38	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.49	2.64
Carlsbad	66.5	101	40	0.00	0.00	1.20	1.17	3.33
Carrizozo	57.2	89	31	0.00	0.00	0.72	0.62	2.72
Las Cruces	65.5	94	45	0.00	0.00	1.33	0.40	1.83
Roswell	59.6	93	33	0.00	0.00	0.57	1.25	3.52
Ruidoso	53.4	94	30	0.00	0.00	1.04	1.19	4.93
Tatum	58.7	95	32	0.00	0.00	1.26	2.09	4.14

(T) Trace. (-) No Report. (*) Correction. All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official.