



# New Mexico Crop Progress

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## Crop Summary for the Month of March 2015

**New Mexico:** Precipitation totals across much of the state fell well below normal during March. As a result, soil moisture and winter wheat conditions declined from a month ago. Northern areas have begun to see runoff from mountain snowpack, and as the days warmed up, new grass growth was starting to emerge. Apricot trees in Rio Arriba County were reported to be in full bloom. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 5 percent very short, 43 percent short, 49 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 8 percent very short, 24 percent short, and 68 percent adequate.

### Crop and Livestock Condition

Commodity	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	--	--	17	46	37
Winter wheat	--	--	50	40	10
Cattle/calves	1	1	40	56	2
Sheep/lambs	19	18	14	49	--

### Pasture and Range Condition

	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current month	8	7	36	36	13
Previous report	11	8	33	32	16

### Crop and Livestock Progress

Commodity	Current week	Previous month	Previous year	5-year average
Chile planted	50	NA	29	41
Cows calved	16	4	NA	NA
Ewes lambed	8	4	NA	NA
Cattle – supplemental feeding	84	90	NA	NA
Sheep – supplemental feeding	77	91	NA	NA
Onions planted	90	NA	78	81

NA – not available

### Soil Moisture Condition

	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil moisture				
Current month	5	50	45	--
Previous report	6	6	85	3
Subsoil moisture				
Current month	7	24	69	--
Previous report	11	6	83	--

### New Mexico Weather Data: March 30, 2015

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Average	Maximum	Minimum	Week	Month	Year-to-Date	Monthly Normal	Yearly Normal
Northwest								
Albuquerque	58.0	81	37	0.00	0.11	1.42	0.57	1.43
Chama	42.2	68	18	0.00	0.85	4.54	1.90	5.76
Farmington	51.3	80	25	0.00	0.10	2.06	0.78	1.90
Gallup	47.7	76	19	0.00	0.26	3.00	0.78	2.31
Grants	47.9	76	20	0.00	0.28	1.08	0.65	1.73
Johnson Ranch	44.9	72	18	0.00	0.19	1.85	0.84	2.15
Los Alamos	51.5	72	27	0.00	1.31	3.46	1.21	3.03
Red River	28.3	51	21	0.00	0.38	3.42	2.00	4.52
Santa Fe	50.0	77	24	0.00	0.71	1.92	0.94	2.07
Northeast								
Capulin	47.8	74	10	0.00	0.14	2.58	1.11	2.21
Clayton	54.5	81	28	0.02	0.56	3.58	0.55	1.10
Clovis	58.8	82	31	0.00	--	1.96	0.94	1.93
Las Vegas	50.0	74	19	0.00	1.27	3.05	0.89	1.74
Moriarty	48.0	76	17	0.00	0.34	2.11	1.11	2.16
Raton	48.8	76	17	0.00	0.55	2.40	0.96	1.93
Roy	--	--	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.55	1.32
Tucumcari	58.2	84	29	0.02	0.40	2.73	1.06	1.99
Southwest								
Animas	61.4	85	35	0.00	1.44	2.29	0.44	1.79
Deming	58.9	87	32	0.00	0.91	2.38	0.42	1.62
Gran Quivira	54.5	77	25	0.00	0.29	1.71	0.71	2.08
Quemado	47.2	72	19	0.00	0.72	1.44	0.58	1.69
Socorro	60.0	85	34	0.00	0.02	1.60	0.50	1.29
T or C	62.6	86	41	0.00	0.68	2.38	0.33	1.22
Southeast								
Alamogordo	60.2	85	36	0.00	0.32	1.64	0.42	1.77
Carlsbad	62.9	90	35	--	1.34	2.51	0.51	1.52
Carrizozo	55.7	81	32	0.00	1.02	1.87	0.57	1.74
Las Cruces	61.1	87	40	0.00	0.23	1.61	0.22	1.14
Roswell	58.8	87	32	0.00	0.67	2.88	0.58	1.57
Ruidoso	51.0	77	25	0.00	0.29	1.34	0.84	3.05
Tatum	56.9	84	28	0.00	0.15	2.64	0.52	1.41

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