

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 12, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: While much of the State remained dry, beneficial moisture aided pasture grass growth and developing winter wheat in portions of southeast. Elsewhere, strong winds coupled with unseasonably cool morning temperatures along the Rio Grande and Rio Chama corridors resulted in freeze damage for many apricot orchards. Alfalfa producers in some northeastern counties were fertilizing and irrigating fields. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 7 percent very short, 38 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 8 percent very short, 25 percent short, and 67 percent adequate.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested	3	--	4	4
Chile				
Planted.....	75	60	47	65
Emerged	8	--	NA	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	5	NA	1	2
Cotton				
Planted.....	10	6	14	16
Onions				
Planted	96	95	94	99
Emerged.....	50	34	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed.....	1	NA	4	1
Cattle receiving supplemental feed	81	87	NA	NA
Sheep receiving supplemental feed	80	78	NA	NA
Cows calved.....	45	30	NA	NA
Ewes lambed	40	25	NA	NA

(NA) – not available

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PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Pasture and Range	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Very poor.....	8	8	32	38
Poor	11	9	38	29
Fair	39	37	25	24
Good.....	31	34	5	8
Excellent.....	11	12	--	1

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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	6.7	6.7	6.2	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	14	5	45	54
Short	44	55	18	24
Adequate.....	42	40	37	21
Surplus.....	--	--	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	12	7	40	NA
Short	26	25	19	NA
Adequate.....	62	68	41	NA
Surplus.....	--	--	--	NA

NA – not available

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CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Commodity	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa	--	1	22	43	34
Spring lettuce	--	--	--	95	5
Winter wheat	1	3	45	45	6
Cattle and calves	1	4	39	54	2
Sheep and lambs.....	19	18	14	49	--

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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/2015/NM_Weather_04122015.pdf