

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 19, 2015

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** A series of storms delivered measurable precipitation and cold to sub-freezing temperatures across much of New Mexico during the week. Severe freeze damage was reported to any remaining fruit blossoms in the northwestern part of the State. Elsewhere, native pasture grasses were greening up with the aid of adequate soil moisture levels. All crop freeze damage was reported as 12 percent light, 6 percent moderate, and 6 percent severe. All crop wind damage was reported as 12 percent light and 4 percent moderate. 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 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested .....	16	3	15	14
Chile				
Planted.....	85	75	70	78
Emerged .....	25	8	NA	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	25	5	16	8
Cotton				
Planted.....	12	10	47	32
Onions				
Emerged.....	70	50	NA	NA
Sorghum				
Planted.....	1	--	--	2
Winter wheat				
Headed.....	22	1	14	10
Cattle receiving supplemental feed .....	70	81	NA	NA
Sheep receiving supplemental feed .....	83	80	NA	NA
Cows calved.....	65	45	NA	NA
Ewes lambd .....	60	40	NA	NA

(NA) – not available

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### PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	8	8	31	38
Poor .....	11	11	40	29
Fair .....	38	39	25	23
Good.....	32	31	4	9
Excellent.....	11	11	--	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 .....	6.6	6.7	5.6	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	14	14	45	52
Short .....	45	44	19	24
Adequate.....	41	42	36	23
Surplus.....	--	--	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	12	12	40	NA
Short .....	30	26	19	NA
Adequate.....	58	62	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	46	31
Onions .....	--	--	2	20	78
Spring lettuce .....	--	--	--	85	15
Winter wheat .....	1	7	51	32	9
Cattle and calves .....	1	4	37	56	2
Sheep and lambs.....	19	18	13	50	--

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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\\_04192015.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/NM_Weather_04192015.pdf)