

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 26, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Widespread precipitation in the form of high elevation snow and low elevation rain helped to maintain or slightly improve pasture and soil moisture conditions in New Mexico during the week. Despite the moisture, strong winds were quickly drying soils, and additional rainfall was needed to maintain crop and pasture conditions. Producers in some southeastern counties were harvesting winter wheat for silage. All crop freeze damage was reported as 8 percent light, 6 percent moderate, and 5 percent severe. All crop wind damage was reported as 9 percent light and 3 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 7 percent very short, 33 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 7 percent very short, 23 percent short, and 70 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 | 24 | 16 | 24 | 24 |
| Chile | | | | |
| Planted..... | 92 | 90 | 88 | 88 |
| Emerged | 45 | 25 | NA | NA |
| Corn | | | | |
| Planted..... | 40 | 25 | 22 | 21 |
| Emerged | 2 | NA | -- | 3 |
| Cotton | | | | |
| Planted..... | 27 | 12 | 55 | 47 |
| Emerged | 3 | NA | NA | NA |
| Onions | | | | |
| Emerged..... | 80 | 70 | NA | NA |
| Sorghum | | | | |
| Planted..... | 5 | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| Spring lettuce | | | | |
| Harvested..... | 5 | -- | NA | NA |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Headed..... | 40 | 22 | 32 | 31 |
| Cattle receiving supplemental feed | 71 | 70 | NA | NA |
| Sheep receiving supplemental feed | 83 | 83 | NA | NA |
| Cows calved..... | 77 | 65 | NA | NA |
| Ewes lambbed | 75 | 60 | NA | NA |

(NA) – not available

(--) – zero

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

| | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Pasture and Range | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 8 | 8 | 30 | 38 |
| Poor..... | 11 | 11 | 41 | 31 |
| Fair..... | 38 | 38 | 25 | 22 |
| Good..... | 33 | 32 | 4 | 8 |
| Excellent..... | 10 | 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 | 6.6 | 5.9 | 6.4 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 15 | 14 | 45 | 50 |
| Short..... | 43 | 45 | 19 | 24 |
| Adequate..... | 42 | 41 | 36 | 25 |
| Surplus..... | -- | -- | -- | 1 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short..... | 12 | 12 | 40 | NA |
| Short..... | 30 | 30 | 19 | NA |
| Adequate..... | 58 | 58 | 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 | 1 | 23 | 41 | 34 |
| Onions | -- | -- | 2 | 20 | 78 |
| Spring lettuce | -- | -- | -- | 80 | 20 |
| Winter wheat..... | 1 | 8 | 51 | 31 | 9 |
| Cattle and calves | 1 | 4 | 36 | 57 | 2 |
| Sheep and lambs..... | 18 | 18 | 14 | 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_04262015.pdf