

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 17, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Measurable precipitation fell statewide during the week, adding to already impressive May accumulations in many locations. Temperatures were mostly below normal. Fieldwork was slowed or halted in some areas, but was expected to progress rapidly as soils dried out. Crop quality was of concern for alfalfa producers with hay on the ground when the rains came. Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light, 6 percent moderate, and 5 percent severe. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 8 percent light and 3 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 7 percent very short, 31 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 7 percent very short, 20 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	58	43	54	69
Chile				
Emerged.....	90	75	NA	NA
Corn				
Planted	70	55	53	64
Emerged.....	25	20	24	25
Cotton				
Planted	58	48	63	71
Emerged.....	46	37	NA	NA
Peanuts				
Planted.....	20	12	14	27
Sorghum				
Planted	30	20	12	12
Emerged.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Spring lettuce				
Harvested.....	60	40	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed	80	65	49	70
Cattle receiving supplemental feed	40	44	NA	NA
Sheep receiving supplemental feed	50	57	NA	NA
Cows calved	90	89	NA	NA
Ewes lambed	92	89	NA	NA

(NA) – not available

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	8	8	29	41
Poor	11	11	42	30
Fair	37	38	24	18
Good.....	33	33	5	11
Excellent.....	11	10	--	--

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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	5.4	5.4	5.2	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	13	13	48	52
Short.....	30	37	19	26
Adequate	56	49	33	22
Surplus	1	1	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	11	12	44	NA
Short.....	28	29	19	NA
Adequate	61	59	37	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	25	42	32
Chile	--	--	9	62	29
Onions	--	--	2	20	78
Spring lettuce	--	--	5	60	35
Winter wheat.....	1	8	48	25	18
Cattle and calves.....	1	3	32	59	5
Sheep and lambs.....	17	19	14	49	1

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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_05172015.pdf