

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 24, 2015

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Additional rainfall on the eastern plains boosted soil moisture levels for a second week, and helped to fill stock ponds. Fieldwork in portions of northeastern New Mexico was either slowed considerably or completely halted. Despite the abundant moisture, unseasonably cool temperatures hampered not only pasture growth, but cotton and sorghum emergence in some southeastern locations. Cabbage harvest in Dona Ana County was reported at 85 percent complete. Yearling cattle were being delivered to ranches and public grazing lands in the northwestern part of the state. 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, 30 percent short, 60 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 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested .....	63	58	60	75
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	9	NA	2	16
Chile				
Emerged .....	95	90	NA	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	81	70	58	70
Emerged .....	30	25	33	36
Cotton				
Planted.....	65	58	69	80
Emerged .....	54	46	NA	NA
Onions				
Harvested .....	10	NA	3	4
Peanuts				
Planted .....	28	20	24	35
Sorghum				
Planted.....	45	30	15	17
Emerged .....	6	2	NA	NA
Spring lettuce				
Harvested.....	75	60	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed.....	95	80	63	81
Cattle receiving supplemental feed .....	25	40	NA	NA
Sheep receiving supplemental feed .....	30	50	NA	NA
Cows calved .....	93	90	NA	NA
Ewes lambd .....	95	92	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 .....	7	8	28	40
Poor.....	11	11	44	33
Fair.....	34	37	23	20
Good .....	36	33	5	7
Excellent .....	12	11	--	--

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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 .....	4.8	5.4	5.0	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	10	13	48	53
Short .....	30	30	19	28
Adequate.....	58	56	33	19
Surplus.....	2	1	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	10	11	42	NA
Short .....	24	28	21	NA
Adequate.....	66	61	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	24	47	28
Chile.....	--	--	9	62	29
Cotton.....	--	--	12	74	14
Onions .....	--	--	2	20	78
Pecans .....	--	--	14	76	10
Winter wheat .....	1	8	47	24	20
Cattle and calves .....	1	3	30	60	6
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\\_05242015.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/NM_Weather_05242015.pdf)