

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 31, 2015

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Rainfall was scattered across New Mexico during the week, with some thunderstorms delivering gusty winds and large hail. In some northeastern areas, fieldwork remained difficult, slowing row crop planting and hay harvest. Ranchers were busy branding calves. While stock water supplies were somewhat short in the area, native pastures were reported to have an abundant grass supply to begin summer grazing. Elsewhere, a lack of significant moisture in southwestern portions of the state had pastures appearing drought-stricken as the calendar inched toward summer. Alfalfa quality remained a concern for many producers in Dona Ana County following recent rainfall. Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 7 percent light, 6 percent moderate, and 6 percent severe. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 8 percent light and 3 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 6 percent very short, 31 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 6 percent very short, 21 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 .....	69	63	72	81
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	17	9	9	23
Corn				
Planted.....	83	81	73	80
Emerged .....	38	30	37	45
Cotton				
Planted.....	86	65	89	90
Emerged .....	57	54	NA	NA
Onions				
Harvested .....	20	10	9	13
Peanuts				
Planted .....	50	28	42	50
Emerged.....	9	NA	NA	NA
Sorghum				
Planted.....	55	45	24	23
Emerged .....	17	6	NA	NA
Spring lettuce				
Harvested.....	95	75	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	1	NA	--	2
Cows calved.....	95	93	NA	NA

NA – not available

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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.....	4.4	4.8	6.0	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	13	10	44	54
Short .....	33	30	22	27
Adequate .....	52	58	34	19
Surplus .....	2	2	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	11	10	43	NA
Short .....	23	24	22	NA
Adequate .....	66	66	35	NA
Surplus .....	--	--	--	NA

NA – not available

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**CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	2
Poor.....	1	1	3	5
Fair.....	25	24	37	32
Good.....	45	47	45	51
Excellent.....	29	28	14	10
<b>Chile</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	NA
Poor.....	--	--	4	NA
Fair.....	15	9	41	NA
Good.....	63	62	48	NA
Excellent.....	22	29	5	NA
<b>Cotton</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Fair.....	15	12	NA	NA
Good.....	75	74	NA	NA
Excellent.....	10	14	NA	NA
<b>Onions</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	2	2	10	21
Good.....	20	20	41	56
Excellent.....	78	78	49	23
<b>Pasture and Range</b>				
Very poor.....	7	7	26	37
Poor.....	10	11	42	33
Fair.....	34	34	24	21
Good.....	37	36	8	8
Excellent.....	12	12	--	1
<b>Pecans</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	14	14	24	23
Good.....	76	76	39	53
Excellent.....	10	10	37	23
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	42	48
Poor.....	8	8	22	10
Fair.....	47	47	14	23
Good.....	24	24	9	13
Excellent.....	20	20	13	6
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	3	NA
Poor.....	3	3	21	NA
Fair.....	30	30	50	NA
Good.....	60	60	25	NA
Excellent.....	6	6	1	NA
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	16	17	19	NA
Poor.....	19	19	25	NA
Fair.....	14	14	46	NA
Good.....	50	49	10	NA
Excellent.....	1	1	--	NA

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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\\_05312015.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/NM_Weather_05312015.pdf)