

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 1, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Below average temperatures dominated much of New Mexico during the week, while precipitation was prevalent across the northern half of the State, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. In the south, rainfall was limited to a few isolated locations in the southwest. Reporter comments indicated that cool, wet weather has provided sufficient moisture in the northwest; however, freeze damage was possible in some orchard crops. Producers were busy assessing their crop for any damage. The moisture received in recent weeks helped boost year-to-date totals above normal in several locations, with 11 of the 45 weather stations reporting above normal precipitation since January 1. This week, the largest precipitation accumulation, 1.41 inches, was recorded at El Morro, with four additional weather stations reporting 1.06 inches or more. Average temperatures varied from 7 degrees below to 3 degrees above normal. Daytime highs ranged from 60 degrees at Chama to 90 degrees at Carlsbad. Overnight lows varied from 14 degrees at Grants to 45 degrees at Carlsbad and Truth or Consequences. Producers continued to plant row crops as weather and field conditions allowed, although planting progress for field corn was well behind normal. Reports indicated the unusually cool temperatures slowed crop emergence in portions of the northeast. Livestock producers in the northwest began moving their herds to forest allotments. Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 9 percent light. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 51 percent light and 7 percent moderate. Feed and concentrate supplies were reported as 2 percent very short, 11 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 2 percent very short, 7 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 7 percent very short, 19 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 10 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.....	33	25	34	35
Chile				
Planted.....	80	67	95	92
Emerged.....	44	34	56	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	25	13	45	36
Cotton				
Planted.....	40	35	38	50
Emerged.....	11	3	10	NA
Onions				
Emerged.....	95	85	91	NA
Sorghum				
Planted.....	6	5	12	7
Winter wheat				
Headed.....	55	45	51	40
Cows calved.....	88	82	82	NA
Ewes lambed.....	87	81	81	NA
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves.....	65	77	75	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	47	67	72	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.....	6.1	6.3	6.8	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	10	10	15	53
Short.....	59	59	45	27
Adequate.....	30	30	40	20
Surplus.....	1	1	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	9	12	NA
Short.....	35	34	31	NA
Adequate.....	56	57	57	NA
Surplus.....	--	--	--	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	2	2	1	4
Fair.....	52	52	24	39
Good.....	35	36	40	42
Excellent.....	11	10	34	14
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	--	--	2	15
Good.....	75	84	20	52
Excellent.....	25	16	78	33
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	2	2	8	38
Poor.....	18	18	11	30
Fair.....	48	47	38	22
Good.....	29	30	33	8
Excellent.....	3	3	10	2
Spring lettuce				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	--	--	--	NA
Good.....	95	100	80	NA
Excellent.....	5	--	20	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	3	3	1	44
Poor.....	17	17	8	13
Fair.....	38	38	51	27
Good.....	39	39	31	11
Excellent.....	3	3	9	5
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	2	2	1	NA
Poor.....	3	3	3	NA
Fair.....	37	37	37	NA
Good.....	53	53	57	NA
Excellent.....	5	5	2	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	15	14	18	NA
Poor.....	12	13	18	NA
Fair.....	18	18	14	NA
Good.....	54	54	50	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/2016/NM_Weather_05012016.pdf