

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 8, 2016

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Cooler than normal temperatures prevailed across much of New Mexico for a second consecutive week, while precipitation was scarce to nonexistent in many locations, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Strong winds were reported in portions of the northwest, northeast, and southwest, and while warmer average temperatures have boosted growth in native pastures, these high winds have depleted topsoil moisture levels despite recent precipitation. This week, the largest precipitation accumulation, 0.88 inch, was recorded at Quemado. Weekly moisture received was below normal at all reporting weather stations in the eastern half of the State. Average temperatures varied from 6 degrees below to 7 degrees above normal. Daytime highs ranged from 70 degrees at Chama to 97 degrees at Carlsbad. Eleven of the 45 reporting weather stations recorded daytime highs climbing to at least 90 degrees. Overnight lows varied from 19 degrees at Eagle Nest to 42 degrees at Animas, Gila Hot Spring, and NMSU. Row crop planting continued as weather and field conditions permitted. Comments from Union County suggested that sorghum planting was not yet underway. Additionally, dryland wheat conditions in the county were reportedly rapidly declining in response to below average rainfall. In Dona Ana County, apples were growing well and cabbage was in good condition, while the jujube, pecan, and pomegranate crops were virtually bloomed out and beginning to set fruit. Additional comments from Dona Ana County indicated that cool overnight temperatures had limited emergence in recently planted cotton fields. Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 9 percent light and 1 percent moderate. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 42 percent light and 8 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 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 8 percent very short, 19 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested.....	43	33	42	52
Chile				
Planted.....	85	80	99	95
Emerged .....	53	44	71	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	35	25	53	49
Emerged .....	2	NA	17	16
Cotton				
Planted.....	42	40	46	56
Emerged .....	20	11	30	NA
Peanuts				
Planted.....	1	NA	9	10
Sorghum				
Planted.....	8	6	19	10
Spring lettuce				
Harvested .....	3	--	36	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed .....	70	55	62	56
Cows calved .....	91	88	88	NA
Ewes lambd .....	89	87	87	NA
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves .....	66	65	44	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	45	47	57	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork .....	6.6	6.1	5.4	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	11	10	13	48
Short .....	60	59	37	28
Adequate.....	29	30	49	24
Surplus.....	--	1	1	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	9	9	12	NA
Short .....	37	35	29	NA
Adequate.....	54	56	59	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	2
Poor.....	2	2	1	6
Fair.....	50	52	26	32
Good .....	37	35	39	47
Excellent .....	11	11	33	13
Onions				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	2
Fair.....	--	--	2	17
Good .....	50	75	20	41
Excellent .....	50	25	78	40
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	2	2	8	38
Poor.....	17	18	11	30
Fair.....	48	48	38	21
Good .....	30	29	33	9
Excellent .....	3	3	10	2
Spring lettuce				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	--	--	--	NA
Good .....	90	95	65	NA
Excellent .....	10	5	35	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor .....	3	3	1	46
Poor.....	19	17	8	12
Fair.....	36	38	48	24
Good .....	40	39	33	12
Excellent .....	2	3	10	6
Cattle and calves				
Very poor .....	2	2	1	NA
Poor.....	3	3	3	NA
Fair.....	37	37	34	NA
Good .....	53	53	59	NA
Excellent .....	5	5	3	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor .....	13	15	18	NA
Poor.....	11	12	18	NA
Fair.....	18	18	14	NA
Good .....	56	54	49	NA
Excellent .....	2	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\\_05082016.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/NM_Weather_05082016.pdf)