

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING MAY 15, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Temperatures across the State were warmer compared with last week, with 13 weather stations reporting daytime highs of 90 degrees or more, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Strong winds reported in Dona Ana County caused concern amongst chile producers with emerged crops. Statewide, planting progress for chile was approximately one month behind last year’s pace, and was also well behind normal. Precipitation was scarce in most locations during the week. The largest precipitation accumulation, 1.06 inches, was recorded at Tatum, with the next highest total, 0.45 inch, reported at Chama. As of May 15, year-to-date moisture accumulations were above normal at only 5 of the 45 reporting weather stations. The largest moisture deficit was -3.83 inches reported at Chama. Additionally, deficits of -2.47, -2.40, and -2.06 inches were noted at Clovis, Conchas Dam, and Moriarty, respectively. The inadequate water supply evident in Dona Ana County has led to some prevented plantings of cotton being reported. The dry conditions prevalent in the southwest had farmers and ranchers worried about an imminent drought situation. Average temperatures during the week varied from 4 degrees below to 10 degrees above normal. Daytime highs ranged from 70 degrees at Chama to 93 degrees at Deming and Roswell. Overnight lows varied from 19 degrees at Eagle Nest to 54 degrees at Carlsbad. 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 41 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 9 percent very short, 19 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	51	43	54	66
Chile				
Planted.....	87	85	100	97
Emerged	55	53	86	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	44	35	66	63
Emerged	8	2	24	23
Cotton				
Planted.....	47	42	55	65
Emerged	30	20	43	NA
Peanuts				
Planted.....	7	1	18	19
Sorghum				
Planted.....	10	8	27	14
Spring lettuce				
Harvested	30	3	54	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed	84	70	76	68
Cows calved	95	91	90	NA
Ewes lambd	93	89	91	NA
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves	63	66	40	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	48	45	50	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.....	6.4	6.6	5.4	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	10	11	13	54
Short.....	60	60	30	24
Adequate	30	29	56	22
Surplus	--	--	1	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	9	11	NA
Short.....	36	37	28	NA
Adequate	55	54	61	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
Poor.....	2	2	1	6
Fair.....	50	50	25	33
Good	37	37	42	45
Excellent	11	11	32	15
Chile				
Very poor	6	NA	--	NA
Poor.....	19	NA	--	NA
Fair.....	9	NA	9	NA
Good	38	NA	62	NA
Excellent	28	NA	29	NA
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	2
Fair.....	--	--	2	14
Good	39	50	20	46
Excellent	61	50	78	38
Pasture and range				
Very poor	2	2	8	41
Poor.....	17	17	11	29
Fair.....	48	48	37	19
Good	30	30	33	9
Excellent	3	3	11	2
Spring lettuce				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	--	--	5	NA
Good	64	90	60	NA
Excellent	36	10	35	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor	3	3	1	48
Poor.....	19	19	8	11
Fair.....	36	36	48	22
Good	40	40	25	11
Excellent	2	2	18	8
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	2	2	1	NA
Poor.....	3	3	3	NA
Fair.....	37	37	32	NA
Good	53	53	59	NA
Excellent	5	5	5	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	13	13	17	NA
Poor.....	12	11	19	NA
Fair.....	18	18	14	NA
Good	55	56	49	NA
Excellent	2	2	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 05152016.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/NM_Weather_05152016.pdf)