

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 29, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Very little precipitation was experienced across the State last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. The lack of moisture allowed for productive field work. Comments from Roosevelt County indicated heavy winds and heat had dried out the moisture which was received in recent weeks. The damage from the strong hail storm was confirmed this past week in Dona Ana County where a variety of crops are expected to be heavily damaged such as pecans, onions, chilies and cotton. In Union County, corn is nearly all planted with less acres than in past years. Most wheat hay had been cut. Producers were also busy branding and culling their old cow herds. The loco weed was still a problem that producers had stressed concerns about. Reports from Grant County suggest that rainfall is in desperate need to improve pasture conditions. Worries of severe drought conditions remained in this county. Statewide, the largest precipitation accumulation, 0.22 inches, was recorded at Chama and Raton, with only a few other recordings of precipitation at El Vado Dam, Taos and Capulin. The other 40 weather stations reported no precipitation. The largest year-to-date precipitation deficit had grown to -3.08 inches at Conchas Dam, while the largest surplus, 0.77 inch, was reported at Otis. Average temperatures were cooler than normal across much of the state during the week, varying from seven degrees below to two degrees above normal. Daytime highs ranged from 98 degrees at Carlsbad to 68 degrees at Chama. Overnight lows varied from 21 degrees at Eagle Nest to 51 degrees at NMSU. 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 35 percent light and 6 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 1 percent very short, 7 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 8 percent very short, 18 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 9 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.....	65	60	67	78
2 nd cutting harvested.....	3	NA	15	19
Chile				
Emerged.....	89	60	98	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	80	54	82	76
Emerged.....	40	20	36	37
Cotton				
Planted.....	75	54	80	85
Emerged.....	65	40	56	NA
Onions				
Harvested.....	15	2	17	12
Peanuts				
Planted.....	50	15	44	41
Sorghum				
Planted.....	43	16	52	27
Spring lettuce				
Harvested.....	90	59	89	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed.....	94	93	98	86
Harvested.....	4	NA	1	1

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.....	6.8	5.2	4.4	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	10	10	13	53
Short.....	52	52	33	26
Adequate.....	37	35	52	21
Surplus.....	1	3	2	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	9	11	NA
Short.....	34	34	23	NA
Adequate.....	56	56	66	NA
Surplus.....	1	1	--	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)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	2	2	1	5
Fair.....	47	49	25	32
Good	43	38	45	48
Excellent	8	11	29	13
Chile				
Very poor	5	5	--	NA
Poor.....	21	17	--	NA
Fair.....	16	21	15	NA
Good	35	35	63	NA
Excellent	23	22	22	NA
Cotton				
Very poor	3	NA	--	NA
Poor.....	37	NA	--	NA
Fair.....	21	NA	15	NA
Good	32	NA	75	NA
Excellent	7	NA	10	NA
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	6	--	2	18
Good	50	50	20	50
Excellent	44	50	78	32
Pasture and range				
Very poor	2	2	7	37
Poor.....	17	17	10	31
Fair.....	48	48	34	20
Good	29	29	37	10
Excellent	4	4	12	2
Pecans				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	6	--	--	NA
Fair.....	10	16	14	NA
Good	54	54	76	NA
Excellent	30	30	10	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor	3	3	1	50
Poor.....	20	20	8	9
Fair.....	35	35	47	25
Good	40	40	24	8
Excellent	2	2	20	8
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	2	2	1	NA
Poor.....	3	3	3	NA
Fair.....	36	36	30	NA
Good	53	53	60	NA
Excellent	6	6	6	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	13	13	16	NA
Poor.....	12	12	19	NA
Fair.....	18	18	14	NA
Good	55	55	50	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 05292016.pdf>