# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
## WEEK ENDING APRIL 9, 2017

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Warmer temperatures and somewhat improved soil moisture conditions coincided with the start of corn and cotton planting in portions of the State during the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. While less widespread when compared with a week ago, precipitation remained prevalent in many areas. The largest accumulation was evident at Clayton, where 0.78 inch was reported. Despite the boost in precipitation, comments from several counties indicted that strong winds were quickly drying soils. Daytime highs ranged from 60 degrees at Angel Fire to 93 degrees at Artesia and Roswell. Overnight lows varied from 3 degrees at Angel Fire to 42 degrees at NMSU. Reports from Curry County indicated that the recent increase in rainfall had winter wheat responding well, but that warmer temperatures were needed to promote faster growth. Statewide, winter wheat condition was reported as 26 percent good to excellent, compared with 44 percent last year and a 5-year average of 28 percent. With the first cutting underway, alfalfa hay condition was reported as 33 percent good to excellent, compared with 49 percent last year and a 5-year average of 56 percent. Chile planting neared the halfway point by week's end, although progress was behind the 5-year average by 11 percentage points. Over half of the onion crop was emerged. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 4 percent very short, 19 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 13 percent very short, 24 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Alfalfa hay | | | | |
| 1st cutting harvested...................................... | 1 | NA | 2 | 3 |
| Chile | | | | |
| Planted............................................................ | 48 | 35 | 43 | 59 |
| Emerged ......................................................... | 5 | -- | -- | NA |
| Corn | | | | |
| Planted............................................................ | 3 | NA | -- | 1 |
| Cotton | | | | |
| Planted............................................................ | 3 | -- | 13 | 7 |
| Onions | | | | |
| Planted............................................................ | 70 | 45 | 84 | 94 |
| Emerged ......................................................... | 55 | 35 | 56 | NA |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Headed ............................................................ | 4 | NA | 11 | 3 |
| | | | | |
| Cows calved .................................................... | 53 | 34 | 54 | NA |
| Ewes lambed ................................................... | 41 | 22 | 46 | NA |
| Livestock receiving supplemental feed | | | | |
| Cattle and calves............................................. | 73 | 80 | 82 | NA |
| Sheep and lambs............................................. | 75 | 72 | 41 | 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............................... | 5.4 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 6.5 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..................................................... | 10 | 10 | 10 | 44 |
| Short .......................................................... | 50 | 57 | 63 | 33 |
| Adequate...................................................... | 39 | 32 | 27 | 23 |
| Surplus........................................................ | 1 | 1 | -- | -- |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short..................................................... | 8 | 7 | 9 | NA |
| Short .......................................................... | 45 | 47 | 35 | NA |
| Adequate...................................................... | 46 | 45 | 56 | NA |
| Surplus........................................................ | 1 | 1 | -- | NA |

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## CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

| | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Alfalfa hay | | | | |
| Very poor...................................................... | -- | -- | -- | 6 |
| Poor............................................................. | 7 | 7 | 2 | 6 |
| Fair.............................................................. | 60 | 65 | 49 | 32 |
| Good ........................................................... | 33 | 28 | 34 | 42 |
| Excellent ..................................................... | -- | -- | 15 | 14 |
| Pasture and range condition | | | | |
| Very poor...................................................... | 10 | 11 | 3 | 34 |
| Poor............................................................. | 16 | 15 | 16 | 24 |
| Fair.............................................................. | 47 | 45 | 46 | 25 |
| Good ........................................................... | 25 | 27 | 32 | 14 |
| Excellent ..................................................... | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Very poor...................................................... | 2 | 4 | 3 | 26 |
| Poor............................................................. | 30 | 35 | 16 | 20 |
| Fair.............................................................. | 42 | 44 | 37 | 26 |
| Good ........................................................... | 23 | 15 | 42 | 22 |
| Excellent ..................................................... | 3 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Very poor...................................................... | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA |
| Poor............................................................. | 3 | 4 | 3 | NA |
| Fair.............................................................. | 46 | 40 | 37 | NA |
| Good ........................................................... | 47 | 52 | 53 | NA |
| Excellent ..................................................... | 3 | 3 | 5 | NA |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Very poor...................................................... | 6 | 5 | 18 | NA |
| Poor............................................................. | 15 | 15 | 15 | NA |
| Fair.............................................................. | 34 | 31 | 12 | NA |
| Good ........................................................... | 44 | 48 | 54 | NA |
| Excellent ..................................................... | 1 | 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/2017/NM_Weather_04092017.pdf