

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 16, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: While portions of the southeast received beneficial rainfall, other areas of State were dry or accumulated only trace amounts of moisture during the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. The largest accumulation was evident at Carlsbad, where 1.25 inches were reported. Caprock was the only other weather station to report over one inch of precipitation. Comments from several different counties across the State indicated that alfalfa and native pasture grass were greening up, but that more rainfall was needed to sustain normal growth. Statewide, alfalfa condition was reported as 38 percent good to excellent, compared with 48 percent last year and a 5-year average of 56 percent. High numbers of alfalfa weevils were noted in Chaves County. Daytime highs ranged from 63 degrees at Angel Fire to 90 degrees at Caprock and Roswell. Overnight lows varied from 16 degrees at El Vado Dam to 50 degrees at Carlsbad. Although somewhat limited, recent moisture led to improvements in the winter wheat crop. Statewide, winter wheat condition was reported as 31 percent good to excellent, compared with 26 percent last week, 44 percent last year and a 5-year average of 26 percent. Chile producers made good headway planting their fields during the week, although progress remained 11 percentage points behind normal. Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 5 percent light. Hail damage in all crops was not reported at this point. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent moderate and 4 percent light. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 3 percent very short, 19 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 13 percent very short, 22 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 3 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.....	8	1	5	9
Chile				
Planted.....	60	48	61	71
Emerg ed	27	5	11	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	13	3	1	7
Cotton				
Planted.....	18	3	23	19
Onions				
Planted.....	85	70	94	97
Emerg ed	66	55	77	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed	21	4	32	13
Cows calved	68	53	72	NA
Ewes lambed	61	41	65	NA
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves.....	64	73	78	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	63	75	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	5.2	5.4	6.5	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	13	10	10	43
Short	48	50	60	33
Adequate	38	39	29	24
Surplus	1	1	1	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	8	8	9	NA
Short	45	45	35	NA
Adequate	46	46	56	NA
Surplus	1	1	--	NA

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	5	7	2	5
Fair.....	57	60	50	37
Good	37	33	36	42
Excellent	1	--	12	14
Onion				
Very poor	--	NA	--	--
Poor.....	--	NA	--	--
Fair.....	16	NA	--	15
Good	84	NA	84	50
Excellent	--	NA	16	35
Pasture and range condition				
Very poor	10	10	2	33
Poor.....	15	16	18	24
Fair.....	49	47	46	25
Good	24	25	31	15
Excellent	2	2	3	3
Winter wheat				
Very poor	2	2	3	29
Poor.....	28	30	16	17
Fair.....	39	42	37	28
Good	28	23	42	20
Excellent	3	3	2	6
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	1	1	2	NA
Poor.....	3	3	3	NA
Fair.....	47	46	37	NA
Good	46	47	53	NA
Excellent	3	3	5	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	6	6	14	NA
Poor.....	13	15	13	NA
Fair.....	34	34	17	NA
Good	46	44	55	NA
Excellent	1	1	1	NA

NA – not available

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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_04162017.pdf