

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING APRIL 23, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Above normal temperatures were experienced across New Mexico last week, with trace amounts of moisture received only in the Northern part of the State, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. The largest accumulation of rain was experienced at Clayton, where 0.32 inches were reported. Only eleven of the 45 weather stations reported precipitation of any sort. Dry conditions allowed for an increase of field preparation and plantings for much of the State. Pasture and grass seem to be greening up in many counties. Comments from several different counties indicated winds were drying out top soil moisture. Statewide, alfalfa condition was reported as 40 percent good to excellent, compared with 46 percent last year and a 5-year average of 57 percent. Daytime highs ranged from 66 degrees at Angel Fire to 95 degrees at Carlsbad. Overnight lows varied from 17 degrees at Angel Fire to 48 degrees at Santa Teresa. Statewide, winter wheat condition was reported as 36 percent good to excellent, compared with 31 percent last week, 42 percent last year and a 5-year average of 24 percent. Chile producers are now ahead of last year in planting due to the warmer weather. 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 2 percent moderate and 6 percent light. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 4 percent very short, 18 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 12 percent very short, 23 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 2 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.....	19	8	22	21
Chile				
Planted.....	79	60	67	81
Emerged	41	27	31	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	25	13	11	19
Emerged	1	NA	--	1
Cotton				
Planted.....	46	18	33	34
Emerged	1	NA	3	NA
Onions				
Planted.....	88	85	99	100
Emerged	79	66	84	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed	50	21	44	26
Cows calved	77	68	81	NA
Ewes lambed	88	61	79	NA
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves.....	68	64	77	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	72	63	67	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	6.7	5.2	6.3	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	13	13	10	41
Short	49	48	59	35
Adequate	37	38	30	24
Surplus	1	1	1	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	8	9	NA
Short	45	45	34	NA
Adequate	45	46	57	NA
Surplus	1	1	--	NA

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	5	5	2	4
Fair.....	55	57	52	37
Good	39	37	36	43
Excellent	1	1	10	14
Onion				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	16	16	--	15
Good	84	84	84	51
Excellent	--	--	16	34
Pasture and range condition				
Very poor	9	10	2	31
Poor.....	18	15	18	26
Fair.....	50	49	47	26
Good	21	24	30	14
Excellent	2	2	3	3
Winter wheat				
Very poor	2	2	3	31
Poor.....	25	28	17	16
Fair.....	37	39	38	29
Good	31	28	39	19
Excellent	5	3	3	5
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	1	1	2	NA
Poor.....	2	3	3	NA
Fair.....	47	47	37	NA
Good	47	46	53	NA
Excellent	3	3	5	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	6	6	14	NA
Poor.....	13	13	13	NA
Fair.....	34	34	18	NA
Good	46	46	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_04232017.pdf