

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 5, 2024

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** As May got underway, New Mexico producers generally saw dryer and cooler days, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Chile producers continued to see improvement, as planting progress increased to 78 percent complete by May 5, while emergence increased to 39 percent complete. Calving advanced to 89 percent complete, up from 85 percent from last week. Ewes lambing increased to 69 percent, up from 65 percent last week. Most cattle and sheep were observed to be in fair condition, coming in at 48 and 47 percent respectively.

According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data, most of the State saw very little to no moisture last week. However, parts of Union and Colfax counties saw up to an inch. Average temperatures throughout the State were well below normal last week. In large parts of eastern New Mexico, temperatures remained over 8 degrees below normal, while the rest of the State saw temperatures 3 to 6 degrees below normal. In Union County, reporters said that slow growth continued on pastureland, and fire danger was extreme. According to the United States Drought Monitor for April 30, exceptional drought (D4) remained unchanged from last week at 2 percent. The worst of the drought conditions remained in Eddy County and parts of Chaves County. Extreme drought (D3) was noted across 12 percent of the State, severe drought (D2) covered 22 percent, moderate drought (D1) covered 39 percent, and abnormal dryness (D0) covered 22 percent. Drought-free conditions remained unchanged from last week at 4 percent.

Freeze damage was reported at 5 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent severe, 4 percent moderate, and 8 percent light. No hail damage was reported. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 32 percent very short, 58 percent short, and 10 percent adequate, compared with 33 percent very short, 54 percent short, and 13 percent adequate last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 56 percent very short, 27 percent short, 16 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 54 percent very short, 29 percent short, 16 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested.....	38	27	11	27
Chile				
Planted.....	78	70	87	84
Emerg'd .....	39	35	38	47
Corn				
Planted.....	30	24	50	40
Emerg'd .....	3	1	6	8
Cotton				
Planted.....	40	33	36	36
Emerg'd.....	10	3	3	8
Winter Wheat				
Headed .....	39	30	42	47
Cattle and Calves				
Cows calved.....	89	85	82	85
Receiving supplemental feed.....	79	76	71	79
Sheep and Lambs				
Ewes lamb'd.....	69	65	82	87
Receiving supplemental feed.....	89	92	63	71

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	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.5
Topsoil Moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	38	37	31	36
Short .....	52	50	43	41
Adequate .....	8	11	26	22
Surplus .....	2	2	--	1
Subsoil Moisture				
Very short .....	34	43	33	40
Short .....	55	46	57	42
Adequate .....	9	10	9	18
Surplus .....	2	1	1	--

NA – not available

(-) – zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>				
Very poor .....	--	1	21	7
Poor .....	--	1	10	6
Fair .....	61	61	41	36
Good .....	20	27	18	43
Excellent.....	19	10	10	8
<b>Chile</b>				
Very poor .....	--	3	NA	NA
Poor .....	5	5	NA	NA
Fair .....	12	19	NA	NA
Good .....	34	26	NA	NA
Excellent.....	49	47	NA	NA
<b>Onions</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	1
Poor .....	--	--	--	3
Fair .....	2	2	--	13
Good .....	42	42	41	33
Excellent.....	56	56	59	50
<b>Pasture and Range</b>				
Very Poor.....	30	25	15	16
Poor .....	47	40	23	30
Fair .....	14	21	45	38
Good .....	8	13	11	14
Excellent.....	1	1	6	2
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very Poor.....	31	22	29	25
Poor .....	40	44	40	25
Fair .....	21	25	18	25
Good .....	1	2	2	16
Excellent.....	7	7	11	9
<b>Cattle and Calves</b>				
Very Poor.....	3	3	1	4
Poor .....	22	22	8	14
Fair .....	48	46	40	40
Good .....	17	18	30	32
Excellent.....	10	11	21	10
<b>Sheep and Lambs</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	6
Poor .....	--	8	3	5
Fair .....	47	39	46	36
Good .....	45	39	42	46
Excellent.....	8	14	9	7

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