



NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 26, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Widespread precipitation in the form of high elevation snow and low elevation rain helped to maintain or slightly improve pasture and soil moisture conditions in New Mexico during the week. Despite the moisture, strong winds were quickly drying soils, and additional rainfall was needed to maintain crop and pasture conditions. Producers in some southeastern counties were harvesting winter wheat for silage. All crop freeze damage was reported as 8 percent light, 6 percent moderate, and 5 percent severe. All crop wind damage was reported as 9 percent light and 3 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 7 percent very short, 33 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 7 percent very short, 23 percent short, and 70 percent adequate.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested	24	16	24	24
Chile				
Planted.....	92	90	88	88
Emerged	45	25	NA	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	40	25	22	21
Emerged	2	NA	--	3
Cotton				
Planted.....	27	12	55	47
Emerged	3	NA	NA	NA
Onions				
Emerged.....	80	70	NA	NA
Sorghum				
Planted.....	5	1	5	4
Spring lettuce				
Harvested.....	5	--	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed	40	22	32	31
Cattle receiving supplemental feed	71	70	NA	NA
Sheep receiving supplemental feed	83	83	NA	NA
Cows calved	77	65	NA	NA
Ewes lambd	75	60	NA	NA

(NA) – not available

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PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	8	8	30	38
Poor.....	11	11	41	31
Fair.....	38	38	25	22
Good	33	32	4	8
Excellent	10	11	--	1

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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	6.6	6.6	5.9	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	15	14	45	50
Short	43	45	19	24
Adequate.....	42	41	36	25
Surplus.....	--	--	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	12	12	40	NA
Short	30	30	19	NA
Adequate.....	58	58	41	NA
Surplus.....	--	--	--	NA

NA – not available

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CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Commodity	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa	1	1	23	41	34
Onions	--	--	2	20	78
Spring lettuce	--	--	--	80	20
Winter wheat.....	1	8	51	31	9
Cattle and calves	1	4	36	57	2
Sheep and lambs.....	18	18	14	50	--

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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/2015/NM_Weather_04262015.pdf