

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION  
WEEK ENDING MAY 31, 2015

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Rainfall was scattered across New Mexico during the week, with some thunderstorms delivering gusty winds and large hail. In some northeastern areas, fieldwork remained difficult, slowing row crop planting and hay harvest. Ranchers were busy branding calves. While stock water supplies were somewhat short in the area, native pastures were reported to have an abundant grass supply to begin summer grazing. Elsewhere, a lack of significant moisture in southwestern portions of the state had pastures appearing drought-stricken as the calendar inched toward summer. Alfalfa quality remained a concern for many producers in Dona Ana County following recent rainfall. Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 7 percent light, 6 percent moderate, and 6 percent severe. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 8 percent light and 3 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 6 percent very short, 31 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 6 percent very short, 21 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested .....	69	63	72	81
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	17	9	9	23
Corn				
Planted.....	83	81	73	80
Emerged .....	38	30	37	45
Cotton				
Planted.....	86	65	89	90
Emerged .....	57	54	NA	NA
Onions				
Harvested .....	20	10	9	13
Peanuts				
Planted .....	50	28	42	50
Emerged.....	9	NA	NA	NA
Sorghum				
Planted.....	55	45	24	23
Emerged .....	17	6	NA	NA
Spring lettuce				
Harvested.....	95	75	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	1	NA	--	2
Cows calved .....	95	93	NA	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 .....	4.4	4.8	6.0	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	13	10	44	54
Short .....	33	30	22	27
Adequate .....	52	58	34	19
Surplus .....	2	2	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	11	10	43	NA
Short .....	23	24	22	NA
Adequate .....	66	66	35	NA
Surplus .....	--	--	--	NA

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
Very poor .....	--	--	1	2
Poor.....	1	1	3	5
Fair.....	25	24	37	32
Good .....	45	47	45	51
Excellent .....	29	28	14	10
Chile				
Very poor .....	--	--	2	NA
Poor.....	--	--	4	NA
Fair.....	15	9	41	NA
Good .....	63	62	48	NA
Excellent .....	22	29	5	NA
Cotton				
Very poor .....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Fair.....	15	12	NA	NA
Good .....	75	74	NA	NA
Excellent .....	10	14	NA	NA
Onions				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	2	2	10	21
Good .....	20	20	41	56
Excellent .....	78	78	49	23
Pasture and Range				
Very poor .....	7	7	26	37
Poor.....	10	11	42	33
Fair.....	34	34	24	21
Good .....	37	36	8	8
Excellent .....	12	12	--	1
Pecans				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	14	14	24	23
Good .....	76	76	39	53
Excellent .....	10	10	37	23
Winter wheat				
Very poor .....	1	1	42	48
Poor.....	8	8	22	10
Fair.....	47	47	14	23
Good .....	24	24	9	13
Excellent .....	20	20	13	6
Cattle and calves				
Very poor .....	1	1	3	NA
Poor.....	3	3	21	NA
Fair.....	30	30	50	NA
Good .....	60	60	25	NA
Excellent .....	6	6	1	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor .....	16	17	19	NA
Poor.....	19	19	25	NA
Fair.....	14	14	46	NA
Good .....	50	49	10	NA
Excellent .....	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/2015/NM\\_Weather\\_05312015.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/NM_Weather_05312015.pdf)