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## New Mexico Crop Progress

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### CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING May 4, 2014

**NEW MEXICO:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.2. Topsoil moisture was 47% very short, 19% short and 34% adequate. Subsoil moisture 44% very short, 18% short and 38% adequate. Wind damage was 12% light, 33% moderate and 8% severe. Freeze damage was reported at 16% light, 8% moderate and 17% severe.

**Counties:** **Taos:** This week's rain & snow showers have improved grass/pasture land. Main farm activities are cleaning out ditches and irrigation. **Curry:** High winds for several days have hampered wheat growth and stressed all plants including native pastures. Also, close to freezing temperatures limited growth, though there was no significant freeze damage to planted crops. Livestock remain in good condition overall but pastures suffered wind damage with areas of blowing dust. Very little activity in fields as far as preparing or planting this week due to drought and high winds. **Quay:** Arch Hurley Irrigation District is releasing water, the first time since 2010. Cotton farmers are pre-watering. Cotton planting about a week behind. Rangeland is trying to green up in areas of the county; but most areas in need of moisture.

#### CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	1st cut	30	25	29	40
Chile	Planted	92	90	88	91
Cotton	Planted	57	55	35	58
Corn	Planted	25	23	29	44
Corn	Emerged	15	-	12	8
Sorghum	Planted	8	6	2	7
Lettuce	Harvested	35	15	19	35
Wheat	Headed	40	35	21	45

#### TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
State Current	47	19	34	-
State-Last Week	45	19	36	-
State-Last Year	78	16	6	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	49	31	19	1

#### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	-	2	42	44	12
Chile	2	3	17	73	5
Winter Wheat	39	21	14	13	13
Lettuce	-	-	-	40	60
Onions	-	-	10	41	49
Cattle	2	21	54	22	1
Sheep	19	26	48	7	-

#### RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	73	24	3	-	-
Northeast	40	26	27	7	-
Southwest	10	43	43	4	-
Southeast	10	71	19	-	-
State Current	30	43	23	4	-
State-Last Week	30	41	25	4	-
State-Last Year	67	24	8	1	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	35	32	25	8	-

**NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - April 28 - May 4, 2014**

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	<u>Week</u> 28 Apr - 4 May	<u>Month</u> 01 May - 4 May	<u>Accum.</u> 01 Jan - 4 May	<u>Normal</u> May	<u>Normal</u> Jan-May
<b>Northwest</b>								
Albuquerque	57.0	85	38	-	0.00	0.41	0.50	2.54
Chama	40.1	71	11	0.00	0.00	2.92	1.44	8.90
Farmington	50.2	82	25	0.00	0.00	1.21	0.54	3.09
Gallup	46.9	80	17	0.00	0.00	0.34	0.56	3.46
Grants	50.4	78	27	0.00	0.00	0.31	0.58	2.86
Johnson Ranch	-	76	29	0.00	0.00	1.65	0.65	3.64
Los Alamos	47.7	75	26	0.00	0.00	1.46	1.42	5.47
Red River	-	-	-	-	-	2.77	1.80	8.34
Santa Fe	47.1	80	22	-	0.00	1.05	0.94	3.78
<b>Northeast</b>								
Capulin	50.6	84	19	0.03	0.03	1.97	1.59	4.73
Clayton	54.4	90	31	-	-	0.46	1.99	4.03
Clovis	57.4	91	37	0.01	0.00	0.30	1.84	4.69
Las Vegas	46.6	79	23	0.05	0.04	0.64	1.51	4.15
Moriarty	47.1	82	23	0.00	0.00	0.98	1.25	4.09
Raton	48.6	84	25	0.05	0.05	1.23	1.94	5.09
Roy	52.6	84	27	0.04	0.04	0.64	1.84	3.98
Tucumcari	58.9	96	34	0.00	0.00	0.23	1.84	4.93
<b>Southwest</b>								
Animas	63.3	87	44	0.00	0.00	0.83	0.24	2.25
Deming	59.9	89	37	-	-	0.57	0.43	2.41
Gran Quivira	51.3	80	30	0.00	0.00	1.43	0.91	3.76
Quemado	44.0	74	15	0.00	0.00	1.08	0.53	2.70
Socorro	58.6	88	37	0.00	0.00	0.21	0.58	2.28
T or C	60.1	89	38	0.00	0.00	0.36	0.57	2.08
<b>Southeast</b>								
Alamogordo	59.6	90	36	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.49	2.64
Carlsbad	62.5	97	38	-	0.00	1.20	1.17	3.33
Carrizozo	55.0	85	33	0.00	0.00	0.72	0.62	2.72
Las Cruces	61.9	90	44	0.00	0.00	1.33	0.40	1.83
Roswell	59.1	93	37	0.00	0.00	0.57	1.25	3.52
Ruidoso	48.7	76	26	0.00	0.00	1.04	1.19	4.93
Tatum	58.6	92	37	0.00	0.00	1.26	2.09	4.14

(T) Trace (-) No Report (\*) Correction - All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official.