

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 3, 2015

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Measurable precipitation was received Statewide during the week, with some isolated locations accumulating close to or over an inch of moisture. Row crop planting advanced steadily, as weather conditions allowed producers nearly a full week of days suitable for fieldwork. Despite recent moisture, most of the winter wheat crop remained in very poor to fair condition as head development surpassed the halfway mark. Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 7 percent light, 6 percent moderate, and 5 percent severe. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 9 percent light and 3 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 7 percent very short, 32 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 3 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 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested .....	38	24	29	36
Chile				
Planted.....	96	92	92	92
Emerged .....	60	45	NA	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	47	40	25	35
Emerged .....	10	2	13	9
Cotton				
Planted.....	42	27	57	56
Emerged .....	13	3	NA	NA
Onions				
Emerged.....	95	80	NA	NA
Sorghum				
Planted.....	15	5	8	7
Spring lettuce				
Harvested.....	25	5	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed .....	55	40	39	41
Cattle receiving supplemental feed .....	75	71	NA	NA
Sheep receiving supplemental feed .....	72	83	NA	NA
Cows calved .....	84	77	NA	NA
Ewes lambled .....	83	75	NA	NA

(NA) – not available

(--) – zero

### 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	39
Poor.....	11	11	43	33
Fair.....	38	38	23	20
Good .....	33	33	4	8
Excellent .....	10	10	--	--

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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 .....	6.8	6.6	5.3	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	15	15	47	50
Short .....	45	43	19	26
Adequate.....	40	42	34	23
Surplus.....	--	--	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	12	12	44	NA
Short .....	31	30	18	NA
Adequate.....	57	58	38	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	24	40	34
Chile.....	--	--	--	49	51
Onions .....	--	--	2	20	78
Spring lettuce .....	--	--	--	80	20
Winter wheat .....	1	8	51	31	9
Cattle and calves .....	1	3	37	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\\_05032015.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/NM_Weather_05032015.pdf)