



# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 17, 2015

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Measurable precipitation fell statewide during the week, adding to already impressive May accumulations in many locations. Temperatures were mostly below normal. Fieldwork was slowed or halted in some areas, but was expected to progress rapidly as soils dried out. Crop quality was of concern for alfalfa producers with hay on the ground when the rains came. Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light, 6 percent moderate, and 5 percent severe. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 8 percent light and 3 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 7 percent very short, 31 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 7 percent very short, 20 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

### 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.....	58	43	54	69
Chile				
Emerged.....	90	75	NA	NA
Corn				
Planted .....	70	55	53	64
Emerged.....	25	20	24	25
Cotton				
Planted .....	58	48	63	71
Emerged.....	46	37	NA	NA
Peanuts				
Planted.....	20	12	14	27
Sorghum				
Planted .....	30	20	12	12
Emerged.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Spring lettuce				
Harvested.....	60	40	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed .....	80	65	49	70
Cattle receiving supplemental feed .....	40	44	NA	NA
Sheep receiving supplemental feed .....	50	57	NA	NA
Cows calved .....	90	89	NA	NA
Ewes lambed .....	92	89	NA	NA

(NA) – not available

### PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	8	8	29	41
Poor .....	11	11	42	30
Fair .....	37	38	24	18
Good.....	33	33	5	11
Excellent.....	11	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 .....	5.4	5.4	5.2	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	13	13	48	52
Short .....	30	37	19	26
Adequate .....	56	49	33	22
Surplus .....	1	1	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	11	12	44	NA
Short .....	28	29	19	NA
Adequate .....	61	59	37	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	25	42	32
Chile .....	--	--	9	62	29
Onions .....	--	--	2	20	78
Spring lettuce .....	--	--	5	60	35
Winter wheat .....	1	8	48	25	18
Cattle and calves.....	1	3	32	59	5
Sheep and lambs.....	17	19	14	49	1

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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\\_05172015.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/NM_Weather_05172015.pdf)