

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION  
WEEK ENDING APRIL 24, 2016

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Precipitation was seen across the State last week in the form of scattered showers. Depending on location these showers helped to relieve dry conditions however approximately half the State is still below normal in precipitation. Moisture was recorded at 32 of the 45 weather stations across the State. Reporter comments from the northeast indicated that storm systems brought some needed rain with light hail during the past week. Some areas in this region were too wet for fieldwork. The largest precipitation accumulation, 1.29 inches, was recorded at El Vado Dam, followed by 1.23 and 0.88 inches at Chama and Pasamonte, respectively. Average temperatures varied from 3 degrees below to 9 degrees above normal. Daytime highs ranged from 65 degrees at Chama to 90 degrees at Animas. Overnight lows varied from 15 degrees at Eagle Nest and Chama to 46 degrees at Carlsbad. Producers continued to plant row crops such as corn, sorghum and cotton. Some producers were noted as still being undecided as to whether they will plant pima cotton, upland cotton or corn in the Southeast part of the State due to water supply concerns. Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 9 percent light. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 48 percent light and 7 percent moderate. Feed and concentrate supplies were reported as 2 percent very short, 13 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 2 percent very short, 5 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 7 percent very short, 19 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 10 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.....	25	6	22	23
Chile				
Planted.....	67	64	91	88
Emerged .....	34	13	39	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	13	1	36	20
Cotton				
Planted.....	35	24	23	38
Emerged .....	3	NA	2	NA
Onions				
Emerged .....	85	80	77	NA
Sorghum				
Planted.....	5	2	4	3
Winter Wheat				
Headed .....	45	35	35	29
Cows calved .....	82	75	74	NA
Ewes lambd .....	81	68	71	NA
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves .....	77	78	71	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	67	41	83	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 .....	6.3	6.5	6.6	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	10	10	15	51
Short .....	59	60	43	30
Adequate .....	30	29	42	19
Surplus .....	1	1	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	9	12	NA
Short .....	34	35	30	NA
Adequate .....	57	56	58	NA
Surplus .....	--	--	--	NA

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(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
Very poor .....	--	--	1	2
Poor.....	2	2	1	4
Fair.....	52	50	23	35
Good .....	36	36	41	45
Excellent .....	10	12	34	14
Onions				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	--	--	2	22
Good .....	84	84	20	47
Excellent .....	16	16	78	31
Pasture and Range				
Very poor .....	2	2	8	37
Poor.....	18	18	11	29
Fair.....	47	46	38	23
Good .....	30	31	33	9
Excellent .....	3	3	10	2
Spring Lettuce				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	--	--	--	NA
Good .....	100	100	80	NA
Excellent .....	--	--	20	NA
Winter Wheat				
Very poor .....	3	3	1	40
Poor.....	17	16	8	17
Fair.....	38	37	51	25
Good .....	39	42	31	13
Excellent .....	3	2	9	5
Cattle and Calves				
Very poor .....	2	2	1	NA
Poor.....	3	3	4	NA
Fair.....	37	37	36	NA
Good .....	53	53	57	NA
Excellent .....	5	5	2	NA
Sheep and Lambs				
Very poor .....	14	14	18	NA
Poor.....	13	13	18	NA
Fair.....	18	17	14	NA
Good .....	54	55	50	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/2016/NM\\_Weather\\_04242016.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/NM_Weather_04242016.pdf)