

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING MAY 21, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Southern New Mexico was still suffering from a lack of precipitation while northern New Mexico experienced rain, snow, and freezing temperatures last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. The largest moisture accumulation was reported at Clayton, where 0.58 inches fell. Depending on the county, moisture comments varied considerably. Reporter comments in Rio Arriba and Taos County stated cold and wet weather over a two day period may have damaged orchard crops and alfalfa. In Union County, reports suggested that cooler temperatures are slowing corn progress but benefitting range conditions. In Quay County, reporters noted that the first cutting of alfalfa was almost complete and rain has promoted growing conditions and in Curry County there were reports of strong winds drying up topsoil moisture. Elsewhere, comments from Grant and Luna Counties indicated that drought conditions were present due to a sufficient lack of moisture. Additionally, Lea and Eddy County comments noted a lack of moisture but planting was in full swing. Statewide, topsoil moisture levels were reported as 45 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 42 percent last week, 38 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 29 percent. Average temperatures ranged from 10 degrees below to 2 degrees above average. Daytime highs ranged from 68 degrees at Chama and Cloudcroft to 100 degrees at Carlsbad. Overnight lows varied from 21 degrees at Chama to 50 degrees at Carlsbad. Wheat fields showed improvement with condition reported as 54 percent good to excellent, compared with 40 percent last week, 42 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 25 percent. Chile emergence was still ahead of last year, with 40 percent of the crop reported in good to excellent condition. Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 2 percent light and 2 percent moderate. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent severe, 6 percent moderate, and 14 percent light. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 1 percent very short, 14 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 7 percent very short, 26 percent short, and 67 percent adequate.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	63	52	59	65
2 nd cutting harvested.....	10	NA	--	4
Chile				
Emerged	82	71	59	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	57	49	53	64
Emerged	21	19	18	25
Cotton				
Planted.....	78	68	53	66
Emerged	34	33	39	NA
Peanuts				
Planted.....	48	26	14	24
Emerged	5	NA	--	NA
Sorghum				
Planted.....	12	5	15	19
Winter wheat				
Headed	97	92	92	76
Harvested for grain.....	2	NA	--	--
Cows calved	93	89	98	NA
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves.....	55	58	60	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	46	57	54	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	6.6	6.6	5.2	5.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	18	15	10	40
Short.....	37	43	52	31
Adequate	44	41	35	28
Surplus	1	1	3	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	16	14	9	NA
Short.....	38	47	34	NA
Adequate	45	39	56	NA
Surplus	1	--	1	NA

NA – not available
(--) – 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
Poor.....	1	1	2	5
Fair.....	22	28	49	36
Good	74	69	38	44
Excellent	3	2	11	14
Chile				
Very poor	--	--	5	NA
Poor.....	7	3	17	NA
Fair.....	53	53	21	NA
Good	30	34	35	NA
Excellent	10	10	22	NA
Onion				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	16	16	--	18
Good	68	69	50	38
Excellent	16	15	50	44
Pasture and range condition				
Very poor	7	7	2	32
Poor.....	16	15	17	26
Fair.....	43	49	48	25
Good	26	26	29	14
Excellent	8	3	4	3
Winter wheat				
Very poor	2	3	3	34
Poor.....	12	17	20	13
Fair.....	32	40	35	28
Good	50	33	40	17
Excellent	4	7	2	8
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	1	2	2	NA
Poor.....	2	2	3	NA
Fair.....	35	44	36	NA
Good	55	46	53	NA
Excellent	7	6	6	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	9	14	13	NA
Poor.....	11	15	12	NA
Fair.....	17	16	18	NA
Good	62	55	55	NA
Excellent	1	--	2	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/2017/NM_Weather_05212017.pdf