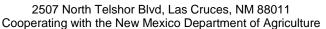
# **NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS**



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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	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(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:

 $\underline{\text{http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\_by\_State/New\_Mexico/Publications/Crop\_Progress\_\&\_Condition/2015/NM\_Weather_05172015.pdf}$