

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING MAY 1, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Below average temperatures dominated much of New Mexico during the week, while precipitation was prevalent across the northern half of the State, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. In the south, rainfall was limited to a few isolated locations in the southwest. Reporter comments indicated that cool, wet weather has provided sufficient moisture in the northwest; however, freeze damage was possible in some orchard crops. Producers were busy assessing their crop for any damage. The moisture received in recent weeks helped boost year-to-date totals above normal in several locations, with 11 of the 45 weather stations reporting above normal precipitation since January 1. This week, the largest precipitation accumulation, 1.41 inches, was recorded at El Morro, with four additional weather stations reporting 1.06 inches or more. Average temperatures varied from 7 degrees below to 3 degrees above normal. Daytime highs ranged from 60 degrees at Chama to 90 degrees at Carlsbad. Overnight lows varied from 14 degrees at Grants to 45 degrees at Carlsbad and Truth or Consequences. Producers continued to plant row crops as weather and field conditions allowed, although planting progress for field corn was well behind normal. Reports indicated the unusually cool temperatures slowed crop emergence in portions of the northeast. Livestock producers in the northwest began moving their herds to forest allotments. 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 51 percent light and 7 percent moderate. Feed and concentrate supplies were reported as 2 percent very short, 11 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 2 percent very short, 7 percent short, 81 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 st cutting harvested.....	33	25	34	35
Chile				
Planted.....	80	67	95	92
Emerged	44	34	56	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	25	13	45	36
Cotton				
Planted.....	40	35	38	50
Emerged	11	3	10	NA
Onions				
Emerged	95	85	91	NA
Sorghum				
Planted.....	6	5	12	7
Winter wheat				
Headed	55	45	51	40
Cows calved	88	82	82	NA
Ewes lambd	87	81	81	NA
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves	65	77	75	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	47	67	72	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.....	6.1	6.3	6.8	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	10	10	15	53
Short	59	59	45	27
Adequate	30	30	40	20
Surplus	1	1	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	9	12	NA
Short	35	34	31	NA
Adequate	56	57	57	NA
Surplus	--	--	--	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	1
Poor.....	2	2	1	4
Fair.....	52	52	24	39
Good	35	36	40	42
Excellent	11	10	34	14
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	--	--	2	15
Good	75	84	20	52
Excellent	25	16	78	33
Pasture and range				
Very poor	2	2	8	38
Poor.....	18	18	11	30
Fair.....	48	47	38	22
Good	29	30	33	8
Excellent	3	3	10	2
Spring lettuce				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	--	--	--	NA
Good	95	100	80	NA
Excellent	5	--	20	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor	3	3	1	44
Poor.....	17	17	8	13
Fair.....	38	38	51	27
Good	39	39	31	11
Excellent	3	3	9	5
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	2	2	1	NA
Poor.....	3	3	3	NA
Fair.....	37	37	37	NA
Good	53	53	57	NA
Excellent	5	5	2	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	15	14	18	NA
Poor.....	12	13	18	NA
Fair.....	18	18	14	NA
Good	54	54	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_05012016.pdf