

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 13, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Below average precipitation coupled with hot temperatures and windy conditions led to the further decline of soil moisture levels, as well as pasture and range grass availability, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The United States Drought Monitor released on May 10 showed that exceptional drought (D4) continued to affect 10.6 percent of the State. In addition, extreme drought (D3) was reportedly covering 44.8 percent of the State. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse continued to blanket 99.9 percent of New Mexico. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 8 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 15 percent last week, 42 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 32 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 6 percent good to excellent, compared with 6 percent last week, 29 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 22 percent. Livestock producers in some areas were starting to sell cattle, while others continued to haul water and provide supplemental feed at a higher than normal rate. Spring fieldwork was ongoing, with row crops being planted as conditions allowed. In certain locations, cotton and peanuts were only being planted on irrigated land. Even so, there was lingering concern regarding a potential shortage of irrigation water. Precipitation was recorded at just 2 out of 43 reporting weather stations - Navajo Whiskey Creek and Chama, where 0.10 and 0.03 inch fell, respectively. Average temperatures ranged from 2 to 16 degrees above normal. At the reporting weather stations, daytime highs varied from 74 degrees at Los Alamos to 104 degrees at Artesia and Carlsbad. Caprock and Roswell also recorded daytime highs at or above the century mark during the week. Overnight lows ranged from 25 degrees at El Vado Dam to 59 degrees at Conchas Dam. Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 4 percent light and 3 percent moderate, compared with 2 percent light and 2 percent moderate last week. There was no hail damage reported. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 26 percent light, 17 percent moderate, and 2 percent severe, compared with 30 percent light, 21 percent moderate, and 3 percent severe last week. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 30 percent very short, 35 percent short, 34 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 32 percent very short, 35 percent short, 32 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 36 percent very short, 22 percent short, and 42 percent adequate, compared with 41 percent very short, 22 percent short, and 37 percent adequate last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	41	31	51	49
Chile				
Planted.....	87	81	99	NA
Emerged	71	67	70	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	61	51	47	48
Emerged	22	11	17	16
Cotton				
Planted.....	55	40	68	54
Emerged	42	25	32	NA
Onions				
Emerged	85	81	95	NA
Peanuts				
Planted.....	10	3	23	13
Sorghum				
Planted.....	29	15	5	10
Emerged	1	NA	--	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed	91	84	91	65
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	85	94	58	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed	97	94	98	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	75	87	57	NA

NA – not available
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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	7.0	6.8	6.6	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	63	54	15	34
Short.....	29	31	43	34
Adequate.....	8	15	41	32
Surplus.....	--	--	1	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	40	36	14	NA
Short.....	54	53	47	NA
Adequate.....	6	11	39	NA
Surplus.....	--	--	--	NA

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	12	6	--	1
Poor.....	6	15	1	2
Fair.....	27	33	28	33
Good.....	52	43	69	50
Excellent.....	3	3	2	14
Chile				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	13	9	3	NA
Fair.....	15	12	53	NA
Good.....	46	53	34	NA
Excellent.....	26	26	10	NA
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	16	20	16	12
Good.....	64	64	69	43
Excellent.....	20	16	15	45
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	22	13	7	25
Poor.....	44	47	15	20
Fair.....	28	34	49	33
Good.....	6	6	26	19
Excellent.....	--	--	3	3
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	20	25	3	25
Poor.....	47	48	17	14
Fair.....	17	19	40	30
Good.....	9	3	33	23
Excellent.....	7	5	7	8
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	4	3	2	NA
Poor.....	13	19	2	NA
Fair.....	46	47	44	NA
Good.....	33	27	46	NA
Excellent.....	4	4	6	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	16	13	14	NA
Poor.....	6	5	15	NA
Fair.....	40	41	16	NA
Good.....	38	41	55	NA
Excellent.....	--	--	--	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/2018/NM-Weather-05132018.pdf

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