

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 21, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: While above average temperatures provided beneficial germination conditions for recently planted crops and expedited snow melt which has filled many stock water ponds, the warm days coupled with below average moisture totals in many locations have left early-season native pasture grasses beginning to show early signs of stress, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Producers remained busy either working their fields in preparation for planting, or planting spring crops. Over half of this year's chile acreage had been planted, although progress remained behind normal. Ranchers continued branding and processing cattle before they move their herds to summer pastures. The United States Drought Monitor released on April 18 noted that the State remained free of exceptional and extreme drought (D4 and D3), while severe drought (D2) was reportedly covering 16.1 percent of the State, unchanged from last week. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse remained evident across 53.6 percent of the State. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 37 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 36 percent last week, 10 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 31 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 36 percent good to excellent, compared with 35 percent last week, 7 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 22 percent. Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 20 percent light and 1 percent moderate, compared with 23 percent light, 2 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe last week. There was no hail damage reported. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 10 percent light, 30 percent moderate, and 15 percent severe, compared with 6 percent light, 32 percent moderate, and 19 percent severe last week. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 30 percent very short, 30 percent short, 39 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 31 percent very short, 31 percent short, and 38 percent adequate last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 20 percent very short, 25 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 14 percent very short, 34 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus 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.....	14	6	9	16
Chile				
Planted.....	59	51	56	73
Emerged	12	1	40	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	16	2	19	19
Cotton				
Planted.....	10	2	19	31
Onions				
Planted.....	75	65	79	92
Emerged	56	27	64	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed	8	2	41	34
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	74	63	86	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	79	80	91	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed	62	53	80	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	79	75	84	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.....	6.5	5.9	6.2	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	11	12	59	28
Short.....	52	52	31	41
Adequate.....	36	35	10	31
Surplus.....	1	1	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	20	26	31	20
Short.....	43	41	61	38
Adequate.....	37	33	8	42
Surplus.....	--	--	--	--

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.....	2	2	4	1
Poor.....	3	3	16	5
Fair.....	40	47	46	43
Good.....	51	47	32	39
Excellent.....	4	1	2	12
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	8	7	22	14
Poor.....	20	15	36	25
Fair.....	36	43	35	39
Good.....	34	34	6	19
Excellent.....	2	1	1	3
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	3	4	17	12
Poor.....	27	29	54	26
Fair.....	27	23	17	31
Good.....	37	39	7	24
Excellent.....	6	5	5	7
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	3	2	6	3
Poor.....	13	19	9	8
Fair.....	45	47	52	45
Good.....	31	24	29	41
Excellent.....	8	8	4	3
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	1	1	16	15
Poor.....	4	5	10	16
Fair.....	47	55	38	31
Good.....	48	39	34	37
Excellent.....	--	--	2	1

NA – not available

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