

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 30, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: A second week of active storm systems delivered more beneficial moisture to much of the eastern half of the State, with some reports indicating very heavy rainfall across isolated areas, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. High winds lingered, leaving some fields with blowing dirt. Hail accompanied the storms in some areas, although the damage reported was limited. Despite the rain, most counties need more widespread, substantial moisture totals to reverse the lingering drought. Where possible, producers made good progress harvesting the first cutting of alfalfa hay during the week. Row crop planting was ongoing. Statewide, 61 percent of the State's pastures and rangelands were reported in very poor or poor condition, compared with 38 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 38 percent. With the rain, reports from Union County noted that some creeks and ponds were holding more water for livestock. During the past week, converted moisture totals – accounting for any precipitation received as snow – ranged from approximately 6 inches in a few isolated locations of eastern New Mexico to merely a trace across much of the center of the State. Most western counties were dry. According to the United States Drought Monitor for May 25, some improvement was noted again this week following the additional rainfall received. A second area of abnormal dryness was introduced to northern Taos County, bringing the entirety within the State to 0.5 percent, up slightly from last week. Moderate drought (D1) was present across 4.6 percent of the State, while severe drought (D2) increased to cover 20.2 percent of New Mexico's lands. Extreme drought (D3) and exceptional drought (D4) were both reduced, covering areas equal to 28.0 percent and 46.7 percent of the State, respectively. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 75 percent short to very short, compared with 78 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 63 percent. Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent light. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 5 percent light, 2 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 15 percent light, 6 percent moderate, and 2 percent severe. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 39 percent very short, 36 percent short, 24 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 5 percent very short, 32 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 45 percent very short, 22 percent short, 32 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 7 percent very short, 39 percent short, and 54 percent adequate last year.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested	75	65	78	71
2 nd cutting harvested	9	3	25	17
Chile				
Planted	92	88	NA	NA
Emerged	74	67	84	87
Corn				
Planted	79	67	75	77
Emerged	50	36	50	47
Cotton				
Planted	60	46	78	82
Emerged	38	29	49	54
Onions				
Emerged	90	88	NA	NA
Peanuts				
Planted	40	13	71	54
Emerged	3	NA	30	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed	87	77	96	NA
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed	84	90	75	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed	88	90	62	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	6.3	6.0	6.6	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	48	52	31	24
Short	27	30	47	39
Adequate	22	17	22	35
Surplus	3	1	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	54	57	38	24
Short	35	32	40	39
Adequate	10	10	22	37
Surplus	1	1	--	--

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	4	6	--	4
Poor	15	11	4	3
Fair.....	32	30	28	28
Good.....	39	45	58	59
Excellent	10	8	10	6
Chile				
Very poor	2	2	--	1
Poor	8	8	--	7
Fair.....	20	20	39	34
Good.....	44	44	50	45
Excellent	26	26	11	13
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	4	2	11	12
Good.....	32	30	57	45
Excellent	64	68	32	43
Pasture and range				
Very poor	25	22	9	10
Poor	36	40	29	28
Fair.....	21	25	45	39
Good.....	8	11	17	19
Excellent	10	2	--	4
Winter wheat				
Very poor	36	34	--	6
Poor	21	20	24	21
Fair.....	22	22	52	33
Good.....	1	5	14	32
Excellent	20	19	10	8
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	4	7	2	2
Poor	17	13	5	7
Fair.....	34	36	36	38
Good.....	30	27	43	45
Excellent	15	17	14	8
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	15	20	11	11
Poor	10	12	8	9
Fair.....	35	30	18	29
Good.....	40	36	60	49
Excellent	--	2	3	2

NA – not available

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