

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 10, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Across much of New Mexico, temperatures were above average during the week while precipitation was well below average, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Statewide, 78 percent of the pastures and ranges were reported in fair or worse condition. Heavy spring moisture is needed across New Mexico. Comments from several counties indicated that dry winds have led to topsoil depletion and air quality problems. Farmers were busy preparing to plant or planting row crops, with progress for chile and cotton advancing ahead of the normal pace. Fruit trees in the lower valley of Rio Arriba County were starting to bloom. Statewide, 67 percent of the chile crop was planted by week's end, while 11 percent of the cotton crop was planted. Calving steadily progressed ahead of both last year and the average pace, with 88 percent of the cattle herd receiving supplemental feed. Lambing fell behind last year and the average pace, with only 61 percent of the sheep herd receiving supplemental feed. According to the United States Drought Monitor for April 7, exceptional drought (D4) was present across 6 percent of the State, while extreme drought (D3) expanded to cover 41.2 percent of New Mexico, up 2.9 percentage points from last week. Severe drought (D2) was categorized across 38.3 percent of New Mexico, and moderate drought (D1) was present on 7.7 percent. Another 1.1 percent of the State was abnormally dry (D0). Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 11 percent very short, 26 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 40 percent very short, 38 percent short, and 22 percent adequate last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 36 percent very short, 23 percent short, and 41 percent adequate, compared with 40 percent very short, 25 percent short, 34 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus 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	1	NA	NA	NA
Chile				
Planted	67	37	32	39
Emerged	16	1	NA	NA
Corn				
Planted	1	NA	NA	NA
Cotton				
Planted	11	3	3	6
Onions				
Planted	30	20	43	56
Emerged	20	10	29	37
Winter wheat				
Headed	2	NA	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	65	60	64	56
Receiving supplemental feed.....	88	88	93	82
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambled	82	72	64	49
Receiving supplemental feed.....	61	71	91	76

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.....	6.8	6.5	6.7	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	36	40	50	32
Short.....	44	48	35	39
Adequate.....	20	12	14	28
Surplus.....	--	--	1	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	37	45	58	30
Short.....	41	41	35	42
Adequate.....	22	14	6	28
Surplus.....	--	--	1	--

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	2	2
Poor.....	4	7	5	6
Fair.....	12	10	64	51
Good.....	82	81	25	39
Excellent.....	--	--	4	2
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	6	13	32	14
Poor.....	21	23	30	23
Fair.....	51	44	31	44
Good.....	21	18	7	18
Excellent.....	1	2	--	1
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	40	36	55	16
Poor.....	42	42	20	26
Fair.....	9	15	5	26
Good.....	3	5	10	25
Excellent.....	6	2	10	7
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	3	3	10	5
Poor.....	14	14	15	10
Fair.....	41	46	35	43
Good.....	34	29	20	33
Excellent.....	8	8	20	9
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	2	2	25	8
Poor.....	4	7	10	10
Fair.....	35	38	25	39
Good.....	45	43	35	41
Excellent.....	14	10	5	2

NA – not available

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