

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 9, 2023

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** The official fire and wind warnings that hung over New Mexico at the beginning of the month were lifted. However, reports from the northeastern corner of the State say that, due to continued high winds and lack of moisture, fire danger remains high. This is not surprising as the eastern half of New Mexico has been facing low precipitation all season. Drought conditions remained the same for those areas of the State most affected; exceptional, extreme, and severe drought conditions were at 0.21 percent, 3.99 percent, and 11.48 percent respectively according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. The week was suitable for 6.9 days of fieldwork according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Operators in New Mexico began sowing corn and cotton, reporting 2 percent planted and 4 percent planted respectively. Producers were still getting chiles in the ground, reaching 45 percent planted last week, and the first chiles of the season were beginning to emerge: 4 percent reported for the week. In Union County, it was noted that range conditions were very dry, and across the state over 70 percent of cattle and sheep received supplemental feed. The livestock of New Mexico appeared to be in decent condition: 55 percent of cattle and calves were reported to be in good or excellent condition. Fifty percent of sheep and lambs were in fair condition, 30 percent in good condition, and 5 percent in excellent condition. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 30 percent very short, 40 percent short, 29 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 25 percent very short, 47 percent short, 27 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus on April 2. Stock water supplies were reported as 40 percent very short, 30 percent short, and 30 percent adequate, compared with 32 percent very short, 38 percent short, and 30 percent adequate on April 2.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested.....	1	--	--	--
Chile				
Planted.....	45	30	63	40
Emerged.....	4	NA	14	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Cotton				
Planted.....	4	--	10	6
Cattle and Calves				
Cows calved.....	66	65	64	56
Receiving supplemental feed.....	76	70	88	87
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambled.....	56	55	81	55
Receiving supplemental feed.....	71	71	61	76

NA – not available  
 (--) – zero

**DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELD WORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION**

	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork .....	6.9	6.2	6.8	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	30	25	36	37
Short.....	44	43	44	38
Adequate.....	25	31	20	25
Surplus.....	1	1	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	38	30	37	36
Short.....	53	54	41	41
Adequate.....	8	15	22	23
Surplus.....	1	1	--	---

NA – not available

(--) – zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	6	6	2	2
Poor.....	11	11	4	6
Fair.....	50	49	12	42
Good.....	24	25	82	48
Excellent.....	9	9	--	2
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	20	21	40	23
Poor.....	30	22	42	30
Fair.....	36	44	9	20
Good.....	6	4	3	20
Excellent.....	8	9	6	7
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	1	3	6
Poor.....	10	4	14	12
Fair.....	34	38	41	41
Good.....	35	37	34	31
Excellent.....	20	20	8	10
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	5	5	2	8
Poor.....	10	15	4	8
Fair.....	50	45	35	39
Good.....	30	30	45	41
Excellent.....	5	5	14	4
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	5	4	6	13
Poor.....	13	8	21	24
Fair.....	59	60	51	44
Good.....	13	13	21	18
Excellent.....	10	15	1	1

NA – not available

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