# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
### WEEK ENDING APRIL 30, 2023

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** New Mexico enjoyed cooler-than-average temperatures across the state last week, according to the National Integrated Drought Information System, and even saw some rain in the northeast corner of the State where it was needed most. Union County reporters received 0.5-0.75 inches of beneficial rain midweek but said, "The effects were not visible by the time of this survey. Much more rain is required." It was reported that several fields in the county remained unworked. New Mexico experienced 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Along with more planting, those days brought the first emergence of cotton and corn for the year, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The percent of winter wheat that had headed more than doubled last week, from 15 percent to 33 percent. Onion condition was reported as 68 percent excellent and 32 percent good. In Doña Ana, a reporter shared that the lettuce was in excellent condition as well. The National Weather Service reported light precipitation across the top half of New Mexico last week. Drought conditions, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor, were unchanged from the week before. The State remains categorized as: 0.2 percent exceptional drought conditions (D4), 4.0 percent extreme (D3), 12.0 percent severe (D2), 16.0 percent moderate (D1), 21.2 percent abnormal (D0) and 46.6 percent of the State categorized as drought-free. Pasture and range land in New Mexico was reported to be in mostly fair condition. Eighty-two percent of cattle and 73 percent of sheep received supplemental feed cattle last week; both lower than the five-year averages. The condition of cattle and sheep was slightly worse last week than the previous week. Eighty-one percent of cattle have calved, and 74 percent of ewes have lambed. Freeze and wind damage were minimal last week, and no hail damage was reported. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 38 percent very short, 43 percent short, 18 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 43 percent very short, 37 percent short, 19 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus.

## CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Alfalfa Hay | | | | |
| 1st cutting harvested................................... | 10 | 8 | 12 | 24 |
| Chile | | | | |
| Planted........................................ | 86 | 81 | 87 | 75 |
| Emerged...................................... | 37 | 25 | 60 | 43 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Planted........................................ | 43 | 30 | 29 | 31 |
| Emerged...................................... | 5 | NA | 3 | 4 |
| Cotton | | | | |
| Planted........................................ | 34 | 23 | 34 | 28 |
| Emerged...................................... | 2 | NA | 5 | NA |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Headed........................................ | 33 | 15 | 23 | 42 |
| Cattle and Calves | | | | |
| Cows calved.............................................. | 81 | 74 | 81 | 84 |
| Receiving supplemental feed..................... | 82 | 73 | 93 | 85 |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Ewes lambed.............................................. | 74 | 70 | 93 | 85 |
| Receiving supplemental feed..................... | 73 | 72 | 72 | 76 |

NA – not available

(--) – zero

## DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELD WORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

|  | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Days suitable for fieldwork ……………………… | 6.5 | 6.8 | 6.7 | 6.6 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short | 26 | 23 | 52 | 42 |
| Short | 46 | 41 | 38 | 37 |
| Adequate | 27 | 35 | 10 | 20 |
| Surplus | 1 | 1 | -- | 1 |
| Subsoil moisture |  |  |  |  |
| Very short | 35 | 32 | 53 | 42 |
| Short | 54 | 50 | 40 | 39 |
| Adequate | 10 | 17 | 7 | 19 |
| Surplus | 1 | 1 | -- | -- |

NA – not available
(--) – zero

## CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|---|---|---|---|---|
|  |  | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Alfalfa hay |  |  |  |  |
| Very poor | 20 | 20 | 2 | 4 |
| Poor | 12 | 14 | 6 | 6 |
| Fair | 42 | 40 | 19 | 35 |
| Good | 25 | 18 | 68 | 49 |
| Excellent | 1 | 8 | 5 | 6 |
| Onions |  |  |  |  |
| Very poor | -- | -- | NA | NA |
| Poor | -- | -- | NA | NA |
| Fair | -- | -- | NA | NA |
| Good | 32 | 39 | NA | NA |
| Excellent | 68 | 61 | NA | NA |
| Pasture and Range |  |  |  |  |
| Very poor | 11 | 5 | 20 | 18 |
| Poor | 14 | 11 | 36 | 33 |
| Fair | 48 | 52 | 34 | 35 |
| Good | 17 | 20 | 10 | 13 |
| Excellent | 10 | 12 | -- | 1 |
| Winter wheat |  |  |  |  |
| Very poor | 29 | 28 | 45 | 21 |
| Poor | 41 | 39 | 40 | 27 |
| Fair | 14 | 18 | 10 | 26 |
| Good | 2 | 3 | 2 | 17 |
| Excellent | 14 | 12 | 3 | 9 |
| Cattle and calves |  |  |  |  |
| Very poor | 1 | -- | 5 | 6 |
| Poor | 6 | 4 | 19 | 16 |
| Fair | 37 | 34 | 39 | 38 |
| Good | 39 | 36 | 33 | 33 |
| Excellent | 17 | 26 | 4 | 7 |
| Sheep and lambs |  |  |  |  |
| Very poor | -- | -- | 4 | 11 |
| Poor | 4 | -- | 9 | 7 |
| Fair | 53 | 62 | 31 | 35 |
| Good | 33 | 24 | 48 | 43 |
| Excellent | 10 | 14 | 8 | 4 |

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