

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 14, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Light showers passed over New Mexico last week, ranging in intensity from .01 inch to 1 inch of rainfall. The rain was a welcome relief from hotter-than-normal temperatures but had minimal impact on growing or grazing conditions according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The week of scattered showers had producers across the State anticipating the wetter El Niño conditions expected to hit New Mexico this summer. The Drought Information Statement issued by the National Weather Service on May 2nd remained in place. According to the United States Drought Monitor data, there were only minor changes to drought conditions in New Mexico last week: 1.6 percent of the State moved from the moderate drought category to severe drought. The extreme conditions, exceptional drought and drought-free, remained unchanged at 0.2 percent and 46.6 percent respectively. New Mexico had 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Reporters in Doña Ana County spent much of the week harvesting lettuce and said the crop looked excellent. In Rio Arriba, the apple trees were in full bloom, with plenty of irrigation water in that part of the state, thanks to a good snowpack. Onion conditions were reported as 60 percent excellent and 40 percent good, and alfalfa hay conditions improved significantly from the previous week. Pasture and rangeland in New Mexico were in better condition than past years, with 25 percent reported to be in good or excellent condition last week. Thanks to good pastures, the number of livestock receiving supplemental feed was markedly lower than this time last year. Seventy-four percent of cattle and 61 percent of sheep received supplemental feed last week, compared to 91 percent and 70 percent last year. Eighty-four percent of cattle have calved, and 86 percent of ewes have lambed. Freeze, wind, and hail damage were minimal last week. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 42 percent very short, 27 percent short, 28 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 47 percent very short, 22 percent short, 30 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	25	11	44	47
Chile				
Planted.....	89	88	NA	NA
Emergded.....	40	38	78	63
Corn				
Planted.....	62	53	47	53
Emergded.....	15	7	14	20
Cotton				
Planted.....	45	37	47	49
Emergded.....	8	4	21	26
Peanuts				
Planted.....	18	9	27	14
Winter Wheat				
Headed.....	57	46	51	72
Cattle and Calves				
Cows calved.....	84	83	93	94
Receiving supplemental feed.....	74	71	91	81
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed.....	86	85	NA	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	61	63	70	69

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	6.6	6.9	6.4	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	32	31	56	42
Short	40	43	33	36
Adequate	28	26	11	21
Surplus	--	--	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	34	33	58	42
Short	48	57	34	38
Adequate	17	9	8	19
Surplus	1	1	--	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)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	13	21	1	6
Poor	7	10	7	4
Fair	34	41	23	29
Good	27	18	61	53
Excellent	19	10	8	8
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	5	1
Poor	--	--	15	3
Fair	--	--	40	15
Good	40	41	25	34
Excellent	60	59	15	47
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	11	15	16	12
Poor	27	23	35	38
Fair	37	45	37	35
Good	20	11	11	14
Excellent	5	6	1	1
Winter wheat				
Very poor	29	29	59	22
Poor	42	40	26	25
Fair	17	18	4	25
Good	2	2	3	18
Excellent	10	11	8	10
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	1	1	2	4
Poor	7	8	18	13
Fair	40	40	42	41
Good	32	30	33	35
Excellent	20	21	5	7
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	4	5
Poor	2	3	9	6
Fair	47	46	26	37
Good	45	42	49	47
Excellent	6	9	12	5

NA – not available

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