

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 26, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: New Mexico producers saw drier and cooler than normal days last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Chile planting approached completion last week at 96 percent complete, while emergence increased to 52 percent complete. Corn planted increased to 56 percent complete, up from 47 percent last week. Ewes lambing increased to 82 percent, up from 80 percent last week. Most cattle and sheep were observed to be in fair condition, coming in at 47 and 65 percent, respectively.

According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data, measurable moisture was limited last week. A small area of northern San Juan County saw up to 0.1 inch of precipitation. Average temperatures throughout the State varied last week. Northwestern counties saw temperatures 2 to 6 degrees below normal, while southeastern counties were 2 to 4 degrees above normal. In addition to limited observed precipitation, reporters in Union County observed extended periods of gusty winds up to 60 miles per hour and fire danger remains extreme. Range growth declined but corn planting was progressing slowly. According to the United States Drought Monitor for May 21, exceptional drought (D4) remained unchanged from last week at 2 percent. The worst of the drought conditions remained in Eddy County and parts of Chaves County. Extreme drought (D3) was noted across 11 percent of the State, severe drought (D2) covered 21 percent, moderate drought (D1) covered 40 percent, and abnormal dryness (D0) covered 24 percent. Drought-free conditions remained unchanged from last week at just under 3 percent.

Wind damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent severe, 1 percent moderate, and 6 percent light. No freeze or hail damage was reported. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 41 percent very short, 48 percent short, and 11 percent adequate, compared with 41 percent very short, 50 percent short, 8 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 60 percent very short, 22 percent short, and 18 percent adequate, compared with 64 percent very short, 20 percent short, 15 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	74	65	41	64
2 nd cutting harvested.....	12	3	1	NA
Chile				
Planted.....	96	88	94	NA
Emerg.....	52	48	52	74
Corn				
Planted.....	56	47	77	71
Emerg.....	15	10	26	37
Cotton				
Planted.....	62	57	57	66
Emerg.....	30	23	25	35
Onions				
Harvested.....	10	3	NA	NA
Winter Wheat				
Harvested for grain.....	5	1	NA	NA
Cattle and Calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	76	74	73	72
Sheep and Lambs				
Ewes lambing.....	82	80	92	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	39	43	46	62

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.9	6.6	6.2	6.2
Topsoil Moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	49	48	17	33
Short.....	43	39	35	36
Adequate.....	8	12	40	27
Surplus.....	--	1	8	4
Subsoil Moisture				
Very short.....	45	39	21	38
Short.....	47	43	53	41
Adequate.....	8	16	25	20
Surplus.....	--	2	1	1

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	1	1	--	1
Poor	3	2	5	7
Fair	43	52	26	29
Good	32	30	32	48
Excellent.....	21	15	37	15
Chile				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor	3	2	34	12
Fair	27	21	25	33
Good	32	45	28	40
Excellent.....	38	32	13	13
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	--	1
Fair	--	--	5	8
Good	40	42	44	42
Excellent.....	60	58	51	49
Pasture and Range				
Very Poor.....	32	25	7	12
Poor	38	34	30	31
Fair	21	30	32	36
Good	8	10	27	16
Excellent.....	1	1	4	5
Winter wheat				
Very Poor.....	56	50	11	22
Poor	27	27	24	21
Fair	3	8	31	29
Good	4	2	9	13
Excellent.....	10	13	25	15
Cattle and Calves				
Very Poor.....	4	2	2	2
Poor	22	19	5	11
Fair	47	50	38	37
Good	19	21	35	36
Excellent.....	8	8	20	14
Sheep and Lambs				
Very poor	1	3	--	6
Poor	5	12	4	7
Fair	65	63	29	35
Good	28	21	53	47
Excellent.....	1	1	14	5

NA – not available

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