



NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING APRIL 6, 2025

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: The past week brought cooler temperatures to New Mexico as a cold front passed through the State, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Producers in Rio Arriba County reported that the cold front brought rain and snow to the northern part of the county. Dona Ana County reported significant winds this week that prevented field work due to blowing dust and sand. Union County producers reported significant moisture with the weather system. Producers in the county also reported that winter wheat and cattle are in excellent condition. Due to the weather, little field work was reported in the county.

According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC), temperatures across the State were below normal this week. The southern half of the State saw temperatures 4 to 6 degrees below normal, while the northern half of the State was slightly cooler and saw temperatures 6 to 8 degrees below normal. Areas in New Mexico did receive some much-needed moisture this week as well, with most of the State receiving 0.1 inch or more of moisture. The extremes were counities in the southeastern corner of the State which received upwards of 0.7 inch and counties in the southwestern corner such as Hidalgo, Luna, and Sierra Counties and portions of Grant and Dona Ana Counties, which received only trace amounts of precipitation for the week. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for March 25, exceptional drought (D4) conditions and extreme drought (D3) conditions remained unchanged at 2.5 percent and roughly 25 percent, respectively. Severe drought (D2) conditions increased from approximately 40 percent of the State to roughly 51 percent of the State. Moderate drought (D1) and abnormally dry conditions decreased as more land shifted into severe drought. Moderate drought (D1) conditions covered approximately 14 percent of the State, compared to 21 percent last week, and abnormally dry (D0) conditions covered approximately 7 percent of the State, compared to roughly 11.5 percent last week.

Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 15 percent very short, 16 percent short, and 69 percent adequate, compared with 14 percent very short, 19 percent short, and 67 percent adequate last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 23 percent very short, 20 percent short, and 57 percent adequate, compared with 20 percent very short, 20 percent short, and 60 percent adequate last week.

NOTE: The Crop-CASMA (**C**rop **C**ondition and **S**oil **M**oisture **A**alytics) for Root Zone Moisture can be accessed at www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico. For this data product, the root zone is defined as top 3.2 feet of soil (approximately 1 meter).

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	6	NA	NA	NA
Chile				
Planted.....	21	2	33	34
Cotton				
Planted.....	7	NA	--	3
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	45	40	64	58
Receiving supplemental feed.....	65	75	85	85
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambbed.....	60	50	51	55
Receiving supplemental feed.....	81	84	64	72
NA – not available				
(--) – zero				

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.2	NA	6.3	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	65	73	32	36
Short.....	30	25	46	38
Adequate.....	5	2	19	25
Surplus.....	--	--	3	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	81	73	35	40
Short.....	16	25	43	40
Adequate.....	3	2	20	19
Surplus.....	--	--	2	1
NA – not available				
(--) – zero				

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	3	3	1	3
Poor	5	10	3	5
Fair	40	47	73	48
Good	47	40	9	38
Excellent.....	5	--	14	6
Pasture and range				
Very Poor	20	23	26	16
Poor.....	25	28	36	23
Fair	34	25	20	44
Good	15	17	18	15
Excellent.....	6	7	--	2
Winter wheat				
Very poor	--	1	9	25
Poor	5	10	15	22
Fair	18	20	42	27
Good	2	1	19	16
Excellent.....	75	68	15	10
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	4	2	4	5
Poor	4	10	18	13
Fair	24	30	40	36
Good	18	11	22	31
Excellent.....	50	47	16	15
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	1	3	7
Poor	9	4	15	10
Fair	38	47	52	41
Good	53	47	29	37
Excellent.....	--	1	1	5
NA – not available				
(--) – zero				