



NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING APRIL 13, 2025

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: The past week brought above average temperatures and little precipitation to New Mexico, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Union County reporters indicated that pastures briefly greened up after last week’s moisture, but due to lack of moisture this week are beginning to show signs of stress. Producers in the county also reported that fields are being prepared for planting and cattle are being pulled out of wheat pastures.

According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC), temperatures were 4 degrees above normal for most of the State this week. Minimal precipitation was received for the week as well. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor released on April 10, exceptional drought (D4) conditions remained unchanged at 2.5 percent of the State. Extreme drought (D3) increased to cover roughly 31 percent of the State, compared to roughly 25 percent last week. Severe drought (D2) conditions covered roughly 45 percent of the State, compared to roughly 51 percent last week. Moderate drought (D1) conditions covered approximately 19 percent of the State, compared to 14 percent last week, and abnormally dry (D0) conditions covered approximately 2 percent of the State, compared to roughly 7 percent last week. On April 9th, the NWS El Paso station issued a drought information statement that stated drought conditions were expected to persist in southern New Mexico into the summer months. The station predicted that seasonably dry and warm spring conditions were expected to continue, and that limited irrigation is expected for the 2025 Rio Grande growing season due to river levels being below normal because of low mountain snowpack. The New Mexico SNOTEL data released on April 13th had all of the basins except for the San Juan basin below 50 percent of normal snowpack. The San Juan basin was reported at 52 percent of normal.

Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 20 percent very short, 20 percent short, and 60 percent adequate, compared with 23 percent very short, 50 percent short, 26 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 24 percent very short, 28 percent short, and 48 percent adequate, compared with 31 percent very short, 38 percent short, 30 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last year.

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](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico) by clicking on Crop Progress & Condition. 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.....	15	6	9	6
Chile				
Planted.....	33	21	52	52
Emerged.....	13	NA	23	13
Corn				
Planted.....	8	NA	13	8
Cotton				
Planted.....	11	7	7	9
Winter wheat				
Headed.....	5	NA	2	3
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	65	45	72	65
Receiving supplemental feed.....	66	65	81	81
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambbed.....	63	60	59	63
Receiving supplemental feed.....	83	81	80	76

NA – not available
(-) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.5	6.2	6.3	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	56	65	26	34
Short.....	36	30	50	39
Adequate.....	8	5	21	26
Surplus.....	--	--	3	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	73	81	34	38
Short.....	25	16	48	42
Adequate.....	2	3	16	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	5
Poor	10	5	1	4
Fair	31	40	65	45
Good	50	47	21	40
Excellent.....	6	5	12	6
Pasture and range				
Very Poor	25	20	25	15
Poor.....	32	25	31	22
Fair	25	34	27	43
Good	12	15	16	17
Excellent.....	6	6	1	3
Winter wheat				
Very poor	4	--	18	26
Poor	8	5	40	28
Fair	20	18	25	25
Good	2	2	6	11
Excellent.....	66	75	11	10
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	6	4	4	5
Poor	10	4	21	12
Fair	21	24	40	38
Good	20	18	19	30
Excellent.....	43	50	16	15
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	1	--	2	6
Poor	2	9	8	7
Fair	44	38	40	38
Good	52	53	36	39
Excellent.....	1	--	14	10
NA – not available				
(--)-- zero				