



NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING APRIL 27, 2025

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: While counties in the northeastern corner of New Mexico received much needed moisture this week, most of the State remained very dry, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Producers in Rio Arriba County reported high winds over the weekend. Rivers in the county were running with clear water which producers noted is uncommon for this time of year. Union County producers reported light precipitation this week which improved range conditions in the county. Most livestock producers in the county have removed cattle from wheat pastures. Reports from Dona Ana County indicated another week with high winds exceeding 50 miles per hour, according to producers. According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC), temperatures for the majority the State were 2 to 4 degrees above normal this week. Counties in the northeastern corner of the State received upwards of 0.1 inch of moisture, with isolated areas receiving over an inch of rainfall. The rest of the State, however, was very dry this week and did not receive measurable moisture. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor released on April 22, exceptional drought (D4) conditions remained unchanged at 4.2 percent of the state. Extreme drought (D3) conditions increased from approximately 29.3 percent of State last week to 37.7 percent of the State this week. Severe drought (D2) conditions covered roughly 43.1 percent of the State, compared to roughly 46.7 percent last week. Moderate drought (D1) conditions covered approximately 13.2 percent of the State, compared to 18.1 percent last week, and abnormally dry (D0) conditions covered approximately 1.7 percent of the State, compared to roughly 1.8 percent last week. The New Mexico SNOTEL data released on April 27 noted the Lower Rio Grande basin was at zero percent snowpack. The Canadian and Pecos basins were reported at 1 percent of normal snowpack this week. The San Juan basin was reported at 31 percent of normal, compared to 47 percent of normal last week and the Rio Chama-Upper Rio Grande was reported at 12 percent of normal, compared to 25 percent last week.

Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 17 percent very short, 20 percent short, and 63 percent adequate, compared with 33 percent very short, 54 percent short, and 13 percent adequate last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 28 percent very short, 26 percent short, and 46 percent adequate, compared with 54 percent very short, 29 percent short, 16 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last year. Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 4 percent light and 96 percent none, compared with 3 percent light and 97 percent none last year. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 100 percent none, compared with 100 percent none last year. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 28 percent light and 72 percent none, compared with 1 percent severe, 4 percent moderate, 14 percent light, and 81 percent none last year.

NOTE: The Crop-CASMA (**C**rop **C**ondition and **S**oil **M**oisture **A**nytics) 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 the top 3.2 feet of soil (approximately 1 meter).

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested	40	26	26	18
Chile				
Planted	70	44	69	73
Emerged	38	16	35	33
Corn				
Planted	20	15	23	27
Emerged	11	5	1	NA
Cotton				
Planted	35	18	32	27
Emerged	5	NA	3	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed	15	10	29	29
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	84	70	84	80
Receiving supplemental feed	54	61	76	85
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambled	85	80	64	77
Receiving supplemental feed	72	71	92	78
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	6.4	6.2	6.9	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	45	53	37	41
Short	45	42	50	40
Adequate	10	5	11	18
Surplus	--	--	2	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	60	67	43	45
Short	34	30	46	41
Adequate	6	3	10	13
Surplus	--	--	1	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.....	--	1	1	7
Poor	--	6	1	5
Fair	30	39	61	40
Good	60	52	27	42
Excellent.....	10	2	10	6
Onions				
Very Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	--	--	NA
Fair	--	--	2	NA
Good.....	43	47	42	NA
Excellent	57	53	56	NA
Pasture and range				
Very Poor.....	28	21	25	21
Poor	25	28	40	29
Fair	30	34	21	35
Good.....	11	11	13	13
Excellent	6	6	1	2
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	4	22	26
Poor	8	15	44	31
Fair	14	20	25	24
Good	10	2	2	9
Excellent.....	68	59	7	10
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	2	3	6
Poor	10	15	22	14
Fair	22	23	46	38
Good	24	25	18	32
Excellent.....	44	35	11	10
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	8
Poor	--	9	8	8
Fair	37	35	39	35
Good	63	54	39	41
Excellent.....	--	1	14	8
NA – not available				
(--) – zero				