



NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING MAY 4, 2025

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Precipitation varied this week in New Mexico, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Producers in both Rio Arriba and Union Counties reported much needed moisture. Rio Arriba County reported the first measurable moisture in roughly 3 months, with higher elevations receiving snow. Union County producers reported additional moisture this week in most of the county, however, some areas in the county are still dry. Rangeland conditions continue to improve for most of the county. According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC), the southwest corner of the State remains very dry, receiving no significant moisture this week. Most counties in the State received 0.05 to 0.25 inch of much needed rainfall, with isolated areas in the southeastern corner receiving over 0.7 inch of rainfall. Temperatures were mild this week, with much of the State 1 to 2 degrees below normal. The southeastern corner was warmer, with temperatures 1 to 3 degrees above normal. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor released on April 29, exceptional drought (D4) conditions remained unchanged at 4 percent of the State. Extreme drought (D3) conditions increased, and now covered about 48 percent of the State this week. Severe drought (D2) conditions covered roughly 32 percent of the State, and moderate drought (D1) conditions covered approximately 12 percent of the State. Abnormally dry (D0) conditions covered approximately 4 percent of the State. Due to some heavy isolated moisture that was received, there is 0.02 percent of the State experiencing no drought conditions. The New Mexico SNOTEL data released on May 4 did show some increases in snowpack. The Lower Rio Grande Basin increased from zero percent snowpack to 15 percent of normal. The Canadian and Pecos Basins increased from 1 percent last week to 68 percent and 8 percent, respectively, and the Rio Chama-Upper Rio Grande was reported at 25 percent of normal, compared to 12 percent last week. The San Juan Basin snowpack decreased slightly from 31 percent of normal last week to 27 percent of normal this week.

Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 17 percent very short, 20 percent short, and 63 percent adequate, compared with 32 percent very short, 58 percent short, and 10 percent adequate last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 35 percent very short, 23 percent short, and 42 percent adequate, compared with 56 percent very short, 27 percent short, 16 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last year. No crop freeze damage was reported. No hail damage was reported. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 19 percent light, compared with 1 percent severe, 4 percent moderate, and 8 percent light 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%20by%20State/New%20Mexico) 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	60	40	36	26
2 nd cutting harvested.....	1	NA	--	NA
Chile				
Planted	85	70	77	83
Emerged	50	38	38	45
Corn				
Planted	25	20	29	37
Emerged	12	11	3	6
Cotton				
Planted	54	35	39	35
Emerged	10	5	9	8
Winter wheat				
Headed	19	15	38	44
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	91	84	88	85
Receiving supplemental feed.....	50	54	79	82
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambled	90	85	68	83
Receiving supplemental feed.....	72	72	89	75
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.....	6.8	6.4	6.9	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	45	45	38	41
Short	36	45	52	41
Adequate	19	10	8	17
Surplus	--	--	2	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	53	60	34	43
Short	32	34	55	44
Adequate	15	6	9	12
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.....	--	--	--	7
Poor.....	--	--	--	5
Fair.....	30	30	61	39
Good.....	55	60	20	38
Excellent.....	15	10	19	11
Chile				
Very Poor.....	--	NA	--	NA
Poor.....	--	NA	5	NA
Fair.....	--	NA	12	NA
Good.....	30	NA	34	NA
Excellent.....	70	NA	49	NA
Onions				
Very Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	--	3
Fair.....	--	--	2	13
Good.....	36	43	42	38
Excellent.....	64	57	56	45
Pasture and range				
Very Poor.....	26	28	30	21
Poor.....	22	25	47	33
Fair.....	29	30	14	34
Good.....	14	11	8	10
Excellent.....	9	6	1	2
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	31	32
Poor.....	--	8	40	29
Fair.....	11	14	21	24
Good.....	12	10	1	7
Excellent.....	77	68	7	8
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	--	3	5
Poor.....	9	10	22	15
Fair.....	25	22	48	41
Good.....	23	24	17	29
Excellent.....	42	44	10	10
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	6
Poor.....	5	--	--	4
Fair.....	35	37	47	35
Good.....	60	63	45	47
Excellent.....	--	--	8	8

NA – not available

(--) – zero