

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 11, 2025

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: This week brought moderate temperatures and scattered precipitation to New Mexico, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Union County producers reported steady rainfall over the weekend that improved rangeland conditions. Reports from Dona Ana County indicated minimal moisture was received this week. According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC), precipitation totals for counties in the northeast corner of the State were over 1.5 inches for most areas. The southwest corner of the State, however, had another dry week with precipitation at 0.1 inch or less for most areas. Temperatures for counties along the western border ranged from average to 4 degrees below average. The rest of the State experienced temperatures 4 to 6 degrees below normal, with some counties in the northeastern corner experiencing temperatures 6 to 10 degrees below average. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor released on May 6, exceptional drought (D4) conditions remained unchanged at 4 percent of the State. Extreme drought (D3) conditions decreased slightly to cover about 45 percent of the State this week, compared to roughly 48 percent last week. Severe drought (D2) conditions covered roughly 26 percent of the State and moderate drought (D1) conditions covered approximately 13 percent of the State. Abnormally dry (D0) conditions covered approximately 10 percent of the State. The moisture received increased the percentage of the State experiencing no drought conditions to approximately 1 percent of the State. The New Mexico SNOTEL data released on May 11 showed the storm system that impacted New Mexico greatly improved conditions in the Canadian Basin. The snowpack for the Canadian Basin is now 179 percent of normal. The Lower Rio Grande Basin increased from 15 percent of normal snowpack to 26 percent of normal. The Pecos Basins remained at 39 percent of normal snowpack. The Rio Chama-Upper Rio Grande was reported at 35 percent of normal, compared to 25 percent last week. The San Juan Basin snowpack increased slightly from 27 percent of normal last week to 28 percent of normal this week.

Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 14 percent very short, 29 percent short, and 57 percent adequate, compared with 40 percent very short, 53 percent short, and 7 percent adequate last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 26 percent very short, 26 percent short, 46 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 64 percent very short, 23 percent short, and 13 percent adequate, last year. No crop freeze damage was reported. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 2 percent moderate and 7 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 4 percent moderate and 24 percent light.

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 the top 3.2 feet of soil (approximately 1 meter).

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested	70	60	52	39
2 nd cutting harvested.....	15	1	1	NA
Chile				
Planted	90	85	81	NA
Emerged	55	50	46	53
Corn				
Planted	30	25	39	48
Emerged.....	15	12	4	13
Cotton				
Planted	57	54	54	43
Emerged.....	20	10	10	16
Winter wheat				
Headed	40	19	66	61
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	93	91	93	89
Receiving supplemental feed.....	54	50	76	82
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambled	93	90	76	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	60	72	63	68

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.....	5.5	6.8	6.9	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	38	45	48	46
Short	27	36	43	38
Adequate	27	19	8	16
Surplus	8	--	1	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	44	53	44	46
Short.....	30	32	47	41
Adequate	24	15	8	12
Surplus	2	--	1	1

NA – not available

(-) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	2	--	--	5
Poor.....	9	--	--	5
Fair.....	21	30	65	38
Good.....	50	55	23	41
Excellent.....	18	15	12	11
Chile				
Very Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	7	--	2	NA
Fair.....	9	--	12	NA
Good.....	23	30	36	NA
Excellent.....	61	70	50	NA
Onions				
Very Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	--	3
Fair.....	3	--	1	12
Good.....	30	36	43	38
Excellent.....	67	64	56	46
Pasture and range				
Very Poor.....	24	26	34	18
Poor.....	27	22	43	34
Fair.....	22	29	18	34
Good.....	9	14	4	12
Excellent.....	18	9	1	2
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	4	--	41	33
Poor.....	8	--	36	28
Fair.....	15	11	13	21
Good.....	5	12	2	8
Excellent.....	68	77	8	10
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	2	1	2	3
Poor.....	15	9	22	13
Fair.....	27	25	49	42
Good.....	23	23	18	31
Excellent.....	33	42	9	11
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	4
Poor.....	2	5	10	8
Fair.....	37	35	54	38
Good.....	59	60	35	44
Excellent.....	1	--	1	6

NA – not available

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