



NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION  
WEEK ENDING MAY 25, 2025

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Conditions remained dry and limited precipitation was received last week in New Mexico, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Union County producers reported no moisture received this past week. In the county, planting of corn progressed quickly, and wheat was being hayed. A report noted area fields expected to be put in corn were currently idle or for sale. In Dona Ana County, continued drought was a primary concern for producers. According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC), most of the State received little measurable precipitation last week. Scattered precipitation was limited to northwestern counties. Temperatures for counties on the southeastern border were warm this week, with average temperatures 1 to 5 degrees above normal. The rest of the State experienced varied temperatures, with averages ranging more than 5 degrees above and below normal. Drought continued to worsen in the State, particularly in southeastern counties. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor released on May 22, exceptional drought (D4) conditions increased from 8 percent to over 9 percent of the State. Extreme drought (D3) conditions covered about 38 percent of the State this week, compared to roughly 41 percent the week prior. Severe drought (D2) conditions were unchanged at 25 percent of the State. Moderate drought (D1) conditions decreased slightly to 11 percent of the State. Abnormally dry (D0) conditions covered approximately 11 percent of the State. Counties along the eastern border near Quay County saw some reprieve from drought conditions, as the percentage of the State experiencing no drought conditions increased to approximately 5 percent of the State. The New Mexico SNOTEL data released on May 26 showed snowpack continued to suffer due to dry conditions. The Lower Rio Grande Basin was reported at 0 percent of normal snowpack. The Pecos Basin was 22 percent of normal snowpack. The Rio Chama-Upper Rio Grande was reported at 8 percent of normal, compared to 22 percent last week. The San Juan Basin snowpack decreased from 27 percent of normal last week to 16 percent of normal this week.

Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 14 percent very short, 19 percent short, and 67 percent adequate, compared with 41 percent very short, 48 percent short, and 11 percent adequate last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 28 percent very short, 19 percent short, and 53 percent adequate, compared with 60 percent very short, 22 percent short, and 18 percent adequate last year. No crop freeze damage or hail damage was reported. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 1 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	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested .....	87	83	73	64
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested.....	35	30	11	NA
Chile				
Planted .....	95	93	95	NA
Emerged .....	70	60	51	68
Corn				
Planted .....	46	39	55	67
Emerged .....	22	18	14	31
Cotton				
Planted .....	62	60	61	60
Emerged .....	42	23	29	31
Onions				
Harvested .....	13	NA	9	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed .....	95	60	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	49	49	76	79
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	63	59	39	62
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.....	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	36	37	49	40
Short .....	23	26	43	37
Adequate .....	41	35	8	21
Surplus .....	--	2	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	38	42	45	44
Short .....	27	28	47	42
Adequate .....	35	29	8	14
Surplus .....	--	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	1	1
Poor.....	4	10	3	7
Fair.....	20	15	43	32
Good.....	47	50	32	42
Excellent.....	29	22	21	18
Chile				
Very Poor.....	--	4	--	2
Poor.....	2	11	3	12
Fair.....	11	16	27	29
Good.....	27	17	32	36
Excellent.....	60	52	38	21
Onions				
Very Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	3	4	--	8
Good.....	36	28	40	47
Excellent.....	61	68	60	44
Pasture and range				
Very Poor.....	29	22	32	18
Poor.....	23	24	38	34
Fair.....	10	19	21	31
Good.....	6	11	8	14
Excellent.....	32	24	1	3
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	3	56	33
Poor.....	8	13	27	24
Fair.....	14	19	3	22
Good.....	6	6	4	6
Excellent.....	72	59	10	15
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	3	2	4	3
Poor.....	10	15	22	13
Fair.....	19	27	47	38
Good.....	17	23	19	32
Excellent.....	51	33`	8	14
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	1	1	6
Poor.....	3	1	5	7
Fair.....	40	41	65	37
Good.....	57	56	28	45
Excellent.....	--	1	1	5

NA – not available

(--) – zero