

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 12, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Conditions in New Mexico remained very dry while a few areas received varying amounts of moisture, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Chile producers continued to see improvement, as planting progress increased to 82 percent complete by May 12, while emergence increased to 47 percent complete. Calving was nearing completion at 94 percent complete, up from 89 percent from last week. Ewes lambing increased to 77 percent, up from 69 percent last week. Most cattle and sheep were observed to be in fair condition, coming in at 49 and 54 percent respectively. Winter wheat headed advanced quickly last week, with 71 percent headed, compared with 39 percent last week.

According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data, precipitation was confined to northeastern counties last week. Portions of San Miguel and Guadalupe Counties received over 2 inches of moisture. Average temperatures throughout the State varied last week. Northwestern counties saw temperatures 2 to 6 degrees below normal, while southeastern counties were 2 to 4 degrees above normal. In Union County, seasonal storms brought wide-ranging amounts of precipitation to the area, while winds decreased somewhat from the prior week. Fire danger in the area remained notably high. Reports noted some winter wheat in the county was being harvested for hay. Roosevelt County reporters noted rain was greatly needed. According to the United States Drought Monitor for May 7, exceptional drought (D4) remained unchanged from last week at 2 percent. The worst of the drought conditions remained in Eddy County and parts of Chaves County. Extreme drought (D3) was noted across 12 percent of the State, severe drought (D2) covered 22 percent, moderate drought (D1) covered 39 percent, and abnormal dryness (D0) covered 22 percent. Drought-free conditions decreased 1 percent from last week at 3 percent.

Freeze damage was reported at 5 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent severe, 4 percent moderate, and 7 percent light. No hail damage was reported. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 40 percent very short, 53 percent short, and 7 percent adequate, compared with 32 percent very short, 58 percent short, and 10 percent adequate last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 64 percent very short, 23 percent short, and 13 percent adequate, compared with 56 percent very short, 27 percent short, 16 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	54	38	21	40
2 nd cutting harvested.....	1	--	NA	NA
Chile				
Planted.....	82	78	89	NA
Emerged.....	47	39	39	54
Corn				
Planted.....	40	30	59	50
Emerged.....	4	3	13	16
Cotton				
Planted.....	56	40	43	44
Emerged.....	22	10	7	17
Winter Wheat				
Headed.....	71	39	54	61
Cattle and Calves				
Cows calved.....	94	89	84	89
Receiving supplemental feed.....	76	79	74	78
Sheep and Lambs				
Ewes lambing.....	77	69	86	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	63	89	61	66

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.9	6.9	6.6	6.3
Topsoil Moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	48	38	32	37
Short.....	43	52	40	39
Adequate.....	8	8	28	23
Surplus.....	1	2	--	1
Subsoil Moisture				
Very short.....	44	34	34	41
Short.....	47	55	48	38
Adequate.....	8	9	17	20
Surplus.....	1	1	1	1

NA – not available

(--)- zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	--	--	13	5
Poor	--	--	7	6
Fair	65	61	34	32
Good	23	20	27	46
Excellent	12	19	19	11
Chile				
Very poor	--	--	NA	NA
Poor	2	5	NA	NA
Fair	12	12	NA	NA
Good	36	34	NA	NA
Excellent	50	49	NA	NA
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor	--	--	--	3
Fair	1	2	--	12
Good	43	42	40	33
Excellent	56	56	60	51
Pasture and Range				
Very Poor	34	30	11	13
Poor	43	47	27	32
Fair	18	14	37	37
Good	4	8	20	16
Excellent	1	1	5	2
Winter wheat				
Very Poor	41	31	29	24
Poor	36	40	42	23
Fair	13	21	17	24
Good	2	1	2	17
Excellent	8	7	10	12
Cattle and Calves				
Very Poor	2	3	1	4
Poor	22	22	7	12
Fair	49	48	40	38
Good	18	17	32	35
Excellent	9	10	20	11
Sheep and Lambs				
Very poor	--	--	--	4
Poor	10	--	2	8
Fair	54	47	47	36
Good	35	45	45	46
Excellent	1	8	6	6

NA – not available
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