

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 19, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: New Mexico producers saw wetter and cooler than normal days last week, 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 88 percent complete by May 19, while emergence increased to 48 percent complete. Calving was nearing completion at 95 percent complete, up from 94 percent from last week. Ewes lambing increased to 80 percent, up from 77 percent last week. Most cattle and sheep were observed to be in fair condition, coming in at 50 and 63 percent, respectively. Winter wheat headed advanced quickly last week, with 98 percent headed, compared with 71 percent last week.

According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data, measurable moisture was observed in all areas of the State. Counties in the central and eastern parts of the state saw the most precipitation, and portions of Roosevelt and Lea County received up to 4 inches. 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, most areas received little to no precipitation, according to reporters. Range growth has been slow, but planting was proceeding. Mora County received good widespread rains, according to reporters. According to the United States Drought Monitor for May 14, 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 23 percent. Drought-free conditions remained unchanged from last week at 3 percent.

Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 5 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 8 percent light. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent moderate and 2 percent light. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 41 percent very short, 50 percent short, 8 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 40 percent very short, 53 percent short, and 7 percent adequate last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 64 percent very short, 20 percent short, 15 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 64 percent very short, 23 percent short, and 13 percent adequate 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.....	63	54	36	54
2 nd cutting harvested.....	3	1	NA	NA
Chile				
Planted.....	88	82	91	NA
Emerg'd.....	48	47	43	63
Corn				
Planted.....	47	40	70	61
Emerg'd.....	10	4	19	25
Cotton				
Planted.....	57	56	49	54
Emerg'd.....	23	22	12	25
Onions				
Harvested.....	3	NA	NA	NA
Winter Wheat				
Headed.....	98	71	61	75
Harvested for grain.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Cattle and Calves				
Cows calved.....	95	94	86	93
Receiving supplemental feed.....	74	76	72	77
Sheep and Lambs				
Ewes lamb'd.....	80	77	90	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	43	63	41	64

NA – not available

(-) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.6	6.9	6.4	6.5
Topsoil Moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	48	48	26	36
Short.....	39	43	41	37
Adequate.....	12	8	31	25
Surplus.....	1	1	2	2
Subsoil Moisture				
Very short.....	39	44	30	40
Short.....	43	47	53	39
Adequate.....	16	8	16	20
Surplus.....	2	1	1	1

NA – not available

(-) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	1	--	8	4
Poor	2	--	9	7
Fair	52	65	32	29
Good	30	23	23	46
Excellent.....	15	12	28	14
Chile				
Very poor	--	--	NA	NA
Poor	2	2	NA	NA
Fair	21	12	NA	NA
Good	45	36	NA	NA
Excellent.....	32	50	NA	NA
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	--	1
Fair	--	1	--	7
Good	42	43	40	41
Excellent.....	58	56	60	51
Pasture and Range				
Very Poor.....	25	34	13	13
Poor	34	43	33	33
Fair	30	18	29	34
Good	10	4	20	18
Excellent.....	1	1	5	2
Winter wheat				
Very Poor.....	50	41	20	23
Poor	27	36	33	20
Fair	8	13	23	29
Good	2	2	8	16
Excellent.....	13	8	16	12
Cattle and Calves				
Very Poor.....	2	2	1	3
Poor	19	22	7	12
Fair	50	49	38	37
Good	21	18	30	35
Excellent.....	8	9	24	13
Sheep and Lambs				
Very poor	3	--	4	6
Poor	12	10	7	9
Fair	63	54	38	38
Good	21	35	44	44
Excellent.....	1	1	7	3

NA – not available
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