

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 12, 2019

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** As timely precipitation continued to fall across portions of the State, the prospects for an improved crop season, as well as improved summer grazing remained strong, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. In addition to much needed rain, some snow fell in parts of Union County during the week. Comments from reporters in the county indicated that while wheat and native pastures were improving, corn planting slowed due to wet ground, and some of the recently sown corn crop had yet to emerge because soil temperatures were less than ideal. Similarly, the wheat silage harvest in Curry County was slowed because of light to moderate rainfall over portions of the area. In conjunction with the recent rainfall, spring snow runoff left many creeks and rivers across the northern half of the State flowing well. Statewide, cattle producers remained busy branding and hauling livestock to summer pastures. The United States Drought Monitor released on May 9 noted that the State remained free of exceptional and extreme drought (D4 and D3), while severe drought (D2) was reportedly covering 1.2 percent of the State, an improvement of 5.5 percentage points from last week. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse were evident across 45.8 percent of the State, unchanged from last week. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 47 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 38 percent last week, 8 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 34 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 28 percent good to excellent, compared with 29 percent last week, 6 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 23 percent. Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent light, compared with 10 percent light last week. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 5 percent moderate, compared with no hail damage last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 5 percent light, 20 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe, compared with 10 percent light, 25 percent moderate, and 5 percent severe last week. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 31 percent very short, 31 percent short, 37 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 32 percent very short, 32 percent short, and 35 percent adequate, and 1 percent last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 16 percent very short, 25 percent short, 57 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 20 percent very short, 28 percent short, 51 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 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested.....	45	35	40	47
Chile				
Planted.....	91	81	86	93
Emerged .....	49	42	70	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	44	36	60	50
Emerged .....	13	8	20	16
Cotton				
Planted.....	52	37	53	55
Emerged .....	21	7	40	NA
Onions				
Planted.....	89	86	98	100
Emerged .....	68	65	84	NA
Peanuts				
Planted.....	2	NA	9	11
Winter wheat				
Headed .....	60	45	90	74
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved .....	92	87	98	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	57	66	85	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambbed .....	94	85	97	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	53	66	75	NA

NA – not available

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### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork .....	5.5	5.7	7.0	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	8	9	63	30
Short.....	45	53	29	36
Adequate .....	44	35	8	34
Surplus .....	3	3	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	17	20	40	24
Short.....	34	38	54	36
Adequate .....	48	42	6	40
Surplus .....	1	--	--	--

NA – not available

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**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	1	1	12	3
Poor .....	3	4	6	2
Fair.....	38	43	27	34
Good .....	47	45	52	49
Excellent.....	11	7	3	12
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor .....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	--	--	16	9
Good .....	16	16	64	46
Excellent.....	84	84	20	45
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	10	8	22	14
Poor .....	29	28	44	26
Fair.....	33	35	28	37
Good .....	25	26	6	20
Excellent.....	3	3	--	3
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	1	20	14
Poor .....	8	16	47	22
Fair.....	28	30	17	31
Good .....	47	42	9	24
Excellent.....	17	11	7	9
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	3	2	4	2
Poor .....	16	16	13	8
Fair.....	35	39	46	43
Good .....	38	34	33	43
Excellent.....	8	9	4	4
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	16	16
Poor .....	9	4	6	16
Fair.....	47	55	40	26
Good .....	44	39	38	41
Excellent.....	--	2	--	1

NA – not available

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