

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 19, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Precipitation was scarce during the week, although the monsoon season has delivered beneficial moisture to many areas across the State, as spring planting continued and recently planted crops emerged and began growing, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Despite below average temperatures, the drier weather allowed for nearly a full week of days suitable for fieldwork, promoting double-digit planting progress for corn, cotton, and peanuts. With 59 percent of the chile crop emerged, 62 percent of the crop was reported in good condition, compared with 84 percent in good to excellent condition last year. Comments from Rio Arriba County noted that most fruit trees in the area survived a late frost, and should still produce a crop. Reports indicated that the cabbage crop in Dona Ana County was in excellent condition. The United States Drought Monitor released on May 16 noted that the State remained free of exceptional and extreme drought (D4 and D3), while severe drought (D2) was reportedly covering 0.9 percent of the State, an improvement of 0.3 percentage points from last week. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse were evident across 40.1 percent of the State, an improvement of 5.7 percentage points from last week. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 50 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 47 percent last week, 15 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 38 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 32 percent good to excellent, compared with 28 percent last week, 5 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 25 percent. Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent light, compared with 1 percent light last week. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 5 percent moderate, compared with 5 percent moderate last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 8 percent light, 15 percent moderate, and 4 percent severe, compared with 5 percent light, 20 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe last week. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 33 percent very short, 30 percent short, 36 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 31 percent very short, 31 percent short, 37 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 21 percent very short, 26 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared with 16 percent very short, 25 percent short, 57 percent adequate, and 2 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.....	57	45	50	56
2 nd cutting harvested.....	3	NA	NA	NA
Chile				
Planted.....	95	91	91	96
Emerged	59	49	78	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	57	44	71	61
Emerged	21	13	36	25
Cotton				
Planted.....	69	52	64	63
Emerged	30	21	51	NA
Onions				
Planted.....	96	89	100	100
Emerged	73	68	91	NA
Peanuts				
Planted.....	15	2	15	21
Winter wheat				
Headed	89	60	94	83
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	98	92	100	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	58	57	90	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed	96	94	NA	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	47	53	82	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	6.7	5.5	6.8	5.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	10	8	55	28
Short.....	40	45	30	34
Adequate	45	44	15	37
Surplus	5	3	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	16	17	41	24
Short.....	37	34	46	33
Adequate	45	48	13	43
Surplus	2	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	15	3
Poor	--	3	1	1
Fair.....	33	38	25	32
Good	56	47	57	53
Excellent.....	11	11	2	11
Chile				
Very poor.....	--	NA	--	1
Poor	1	NA	7	7
Fair.....	37	NA	9	25
Good	62	NA	55	48
Excellent.....	--	NA	29	19
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	--	--	16	9
Good	16	16	47	45
Excellent.....	84	84	37	46
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	2	10	17	12
Poor	32	29	50	28
Fair.....	34	33	28	35
Good	31	25	5	20
Excellent.....	1	3	--	5
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	--	16	12
Poor	10	8	53	23
Fair.....	33	28	18	29
Good	45	47	8	27
Excellent.....	11	17	5	9
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	2	3	2	1
Poor	16	16	14	9
Fair.....	42	35	46	41
Good	34	38	34	44
Excellent.....	6	8	4	5
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	7	13
Poor	2	9	1	14
Fair.....	52	47	45	28
Good	46	44	46	44
Excellent.....	--	--	1	1

NA – not available

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