

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 2, 2019

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Precipitation remained sporadic during the week, with the larger accumulations of an inch or more located centrally and along the eastern border, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Temperatures continued to be below average, although crop emergence did gain in some areas. Reports of hail were noted in a few counties, with varying degrees of crop damage mentioned. While precipitation has been better when compared with last year, soil moisture availability in many locations teetered on the edge of being adequate to beginning drought. Additionally, some creeks that are used as livestock water supplies were dry in areas. Onion harvest began in Dona Ana County during the week, with the county's crop reported to be in excellent condition. Statewide, 77 percent of the pecan crop was reported in good to excellent condition. Comments from Eddy County noted that for an off year, pecan nut set appeared to be average. The United States Drought Monitor released on May 30 noted that the State remained free of exceptional, extreme, and severe drought (D4 – D2), while moderate drought (D1) was present across 18.9 percent of the State, unchanged from last week. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse were evident across 35.4 percent of the State, also unchanged from last week. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 47 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 44 percent last week, 29 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 41 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 27 percent good to excellent, compared with 30 percent last week, 5 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 25 percent. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 3 percent light and 4 percent moderate, compared with 1 percent moderate last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 14 percent light, 14 percent moderate, and 4 percent severe, compared with 17 percent light, 17 percent moderate, and 4 percent severe last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 18 percent very short, 29 percent short, 52 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 20 percent very short, 31 percent short, 46 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus last week.

### 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.....	73	66	70	73
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested.....	23	15	20	17
Chile				
Emerged .....	93	78	90	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	77	69	85	82
Emerged .....	52	36	68	47
Cotton				
Planted.....	89	84	89	88
Emerged .....	52	42	69	NA
Onions				
Emerged .....	91	86	NA	NA
Harvested.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Peanuts				
Planted.....	57	39	40	53
Emerged .....	8	NA	2	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed .....	95	92	NA	NA
Harvested.....	1	NA	7	6

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 .....	6.4	5.9	6.7	5.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	18	15	48	25
Short.....	35	41	23	34
Adequate .....	44	37	29	39
Surplus .....	3	7	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	24	20	36	22
Short.....	40	40	39	33
Adequate .....	35	38	25	45
Surplus .....	1	2	--	--

NA – not available

(--) – zero

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

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	21	4
Poor .....	3	1	2	3
Fair.....	33	30	21	28
Good .....	57	59	55	54
Excellent.....	6	9	1	11
<b>Chile</b>				
Very poor.....	1	2	--	1
Poor .....	10	5	9	6
Fair.....	38	40	10	30
Good .....	51	53	60	47
Excellent.....	--	--	21	16
<b>Onions</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor .....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	--	--	16	12
Good .....	16	16	50	43
Excellent.....	84	84	34	45
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	6	3	26	13
Poor .....	31	25	42	27
Fair.....	36	42	27	35
Good .....	19	22	3	21
Excellent.....	8	8	2	4
<b>Pecans</b>				
Very poor.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Poor .....	--	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	23	NA	NA	NA
Good .....	4	NA	NA	NA
Excellent.....	73	NA	NA	NA
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	24	14
Poor .....	12	16	35	20
Fair.....	28	37	16	30
Good .....	52	37	6	25
Excellent.....	7	9	19	11
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	4	2
Poor .....	10	10	14	9
Fair.....	44	40	35	37
Good .....	36	40	40	47
Excellent.....	9	9	7	5
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	20	15
Poor .....	10	5	6	15
Fair.....	57	56	39	26
Good .....	30	37	33	43
Excellent.....	2	1	2	1

NA – not available

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