

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 9, 2019

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Temperatures were about average across the State, while precipitation remained exceedingly scattered during the week, with most of the counties along the western border receiving less than 50 percent of their normal moisture, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Reports from Grant and Luna Counties noted that drought conditions were worsening, with grass production from native pastures at levels less than adequate to support livestock. In the northwest, comments indicated that row crops were still being planted even though cool overnight temperatures remained in some locations. As a result, crop emergence lagged behind normal in certain areas. It was noted that the corn crop in Union County was planted, although the total acreage appeared to be less than in recent years due to the cost of production inputs and crop prices. Hay harvest was in full swing across much of the State, with 70 percent of the alfalfa hay reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 64 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 66 percent. Reports of high winds and hail were received from several counties, but crop damage totals were not yet available since assessments were still ongoing. Statewide, 73 percent of the pecan crop was reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 77 percent last week, 96 percent last year, and a 5-year average 88 percent. The United States Drought Monitor released on June 6 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 34.8 percent of the State, a slight decrease of 0.6 percentage points when compared with last week. Drought-free conditions covered 65.2 percent of the State. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 52 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 47 percent last week, 23 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 39 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 28 percent good to excellent, compared with 27 percent last week, 6 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 25 percent. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light and 6 percent moderate, compared with 3 percent light and 4 percent moderate last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 10 percent light, 10 percent moderate, and 4 percent severe, compared with 14 percent light, 14 percent moderate, and 4 percent severe last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 15 percent very short, 25 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 18 percent very short, 29 percent short, 52 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.....	81	73	82	83
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested.....	29	23	31	28
Chile				
Emerged .....	96	93	94	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	84	77	93	89
Emerged .....	60	52	79	59
Cotton				
Planted.....	93	89	97	93
Emerged .....	58	52	79	NA
Squaring .....	1	NA	--	1
Onions				
Emerged .....	95	91	NA	NA
Harvested.....	3	2	12	24
Peanuts				
Planted.....	64	57	51	65
Emerged .....	15	8	5	NA
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	2	1	17	16

NA – not available  
 (--) – zero

### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork .....	6.3	6.4	6.8	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	19	18	50	26
Short.....	29	35	27	35
Adequate .....	50	44	23	37
Surplus .....	2	3	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	21	24	40	23
Short.....	38	40	40	34
Adequate .....	40	35	20	43
Surplus .....	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)
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	15	3
Poor .....	5	3	3	4
Fair.....	24	33	18	27
Good .....	63	57	63	55
Excellent.....	7	6	1	11
<b>Chile</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	1
Poor .....	7	10	9	6
Fair.....	43	38	10	30
Good .....	49	51	61	47
Excellent.....	--	--	20	16
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	--	NA	3	2
Poor .....	9	NA	9	4
Fair.....	45	NA	34	33
Good .....	36	NA	33	35
Excellent.....	10	NA	21	26
<b>Cotton</b>				
Very poor.....	4	NA	--	--
Poor .....	9	NA	14	11
Fair.....	38	NA	43	39
Good .....	46	NA	35	37
Excellent.....	3	NA	8	13
<b>Onions</b>				
Very poor.....	3	--	--	--
Poor .....	7	--	--	--
Fair.....	5	--	16	11
Good .....	25	16	50	42
Excellent.....	60	84	34	47
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	2	6	22	13
Poor .....	37	31	45	28
Fair.....	33	36	27	34
Good .....	22	19	4	21
Excellent.....	6	8	2	4
<b>Pecans</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor .....	2	--	--	1
Fair.....	25	23	4	11
Good .....	8	4	96	70
Excellent.....	65	73	--	18
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	33	16
Poor .....	9	12	30	19
Fair.....	23	28	10	30
Good .....	58	52	14	25
Excellent.....	9	7	13	10
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	3	1	3	2
Poor .....	7	10	17	8
Fair.....	37	44	37	38
Good .....	40	36	39	47
Excellent.....	13	9	4	5
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	14	15
Poor .....	15	10	3	15
Fair.....	50	57	44	26
Good .....	28	30	35	42
Excellent.....	6	2	4	2

NA – not available

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