



# WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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## Crop Weather

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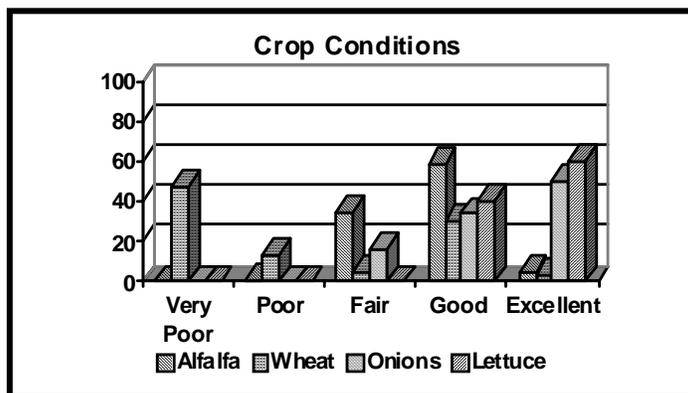
### CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 19, 2009

**NEW MEXICO:** Alfalfa condition was mostly fair to good. Cotton was 8% planted. Sorghum was 5% planted. Winter wheat condition ranged from very poor to good; with 68% of the total wheat grazed. Lettuce condition was mostly good to excellent. Onion condition was mostly good to excellent. Chile was 75% planted. Cattle conditions were mostly poor to good.

Sheep conditions ranged from very poor to good. Range and pasture conditions were mostly fair to poor. There were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 39% very short, 50% short and 11% adequate. Wind damage was 41% light, 2% moderate and 8% severe. Freeze damage was 5% light.

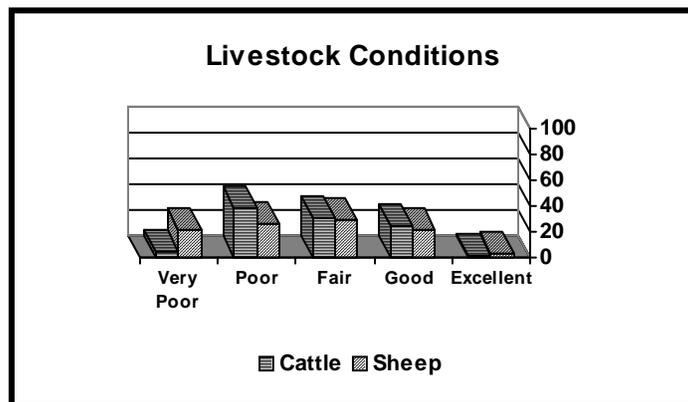
### CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Chile	Planted	75	49	80	83
Cotton	Planted	8	7	7	20
Corn	Planted	16	4	11	15
Sorghum	Planted	5	4	N/A	N/A
Wheat	Grazed	68	67	N/A	N/A



### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	1	35	59	5
Lettuce	---	---	---	40	60
Onions	---	---	16	34	50
Wheat (All)	47	14	5	30	4
Cattle	5	38	31	25	1
Sheep	21	26	29	21	3
Range/Pasture	16	37	41	6	---



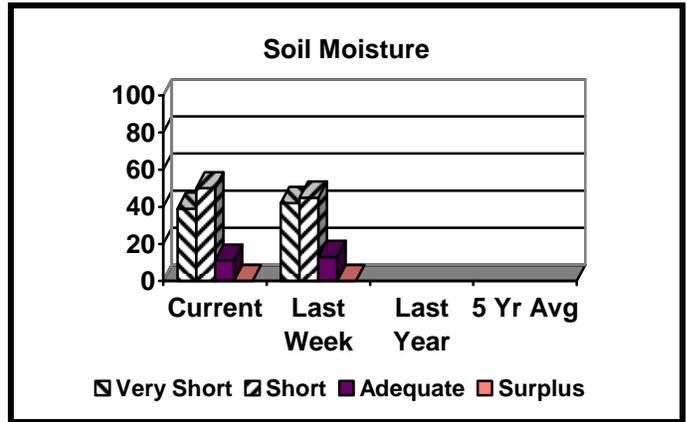
### County Reporter Comments:

**Santa Fe** received some precipitation on Friday. Still well behind for the year. **Guadalupe** Winter temperatures have returned. Rain fell Saturday ranging

from .2 to .8 inches across much of the county slowing planting. Ranchers are supplemental feeding and hauling water.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	38	52	10	---
Northeast	47	40	13	---
Southwest	13	87	---	---
Southeast	50	33	17	---
State Current	39	50	11	---
State-Last Week	42	45	13	---
State-Last Year	---	---	---	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	---	---	---	---



WEATHER SUMMARY

An upper level low pressure system moved eastward across northern New Mexico late in the week. Rain and snow showers developed initially over the West and Northwest Mountains on the 16th. Precipitation became more

widespread on the 17th and continued into the early morning of the 18th. Snow was reported across a widespread area of Northern and Central New Mexico including portions of the Albuquerque Metro area.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - APRIL 13 - APRIL 19, 2009

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 13-Apr- 19 Apr	Month 01-Apr- 19 Apr	Accum. 01-Jan- 19- Apr	Normal Apr	Normal Jan-Apr
<b>Northwest</b>								
Albuquerque	52.4	75	35	0.14	0.34	0.65	0.52	1.96
Chama	38.0	60	12	0.40	1.74	3.99	1.27	6.61
Farmington	48.1	69	26	0.01	0.15	1.60	0.51	2.48
Gallup	43.9	68	21	0.06	0.53	2.25	0.64	3.23
Grants	44.1	71	18	0.00	0.32	1.46	0.45	1.95
Johnson Ranch	41.7	64	16	0.05	0.30	0.51	0.49	2.47
Los Alamos	41.9	65	20	0.15	0.65	1.23	1.00	3.88
Red River	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.68	5.75
Santa Fe	45.2	67	25	0.25	0.60	1.26	0.81	2.87
<b>Northeast</b>								
Capulin	40.8	67	30	0.12	0.73	2.83	1.01	2.86
Clayton	53.0	76	35	0.11	0.62	1.80	0.94	2.04
Clovis	54.1	76	36	0.11	0.45	0.79	0.81	2.30
Las Vegas	44.4	69	25	0.36	0.65	0.89	0.83	2.54
Moriarty	45.7	71	27	0.08	0.62	0.88	0.66	2.10
Raton	49.1	71	32	0.01	0.40	1.15	1.06	2.90
Roy	49.6	72	28	0.02	0.20	0.53	0.82	2.14
Tucumcari	55.4	80	30	0.07	0.64	1.86	0.87	2.00
<b>Southwest</b>								
Animas	56.1	79	31	0.00	0.00	0.91	0.20	1.86
Deming	57.5	85	30	0.00	0.00	0.58	0.18	1.54
Gran Quivira	49.4	72	27	0.00	0.40	0.95	0.64	2.88
Quemado	43.8	67	18	0.03	0.18	1.36	0.60	2.95
Socorro	56.1	78	37	0.00	0.23	0.37	0.36	1.41
T or C	56.7	79	33	0.00	0.08	0.28	0.22	1.40
<b>Southeast</b>								
Alamogordo	56.4	82	29	0.00	0.13	2.44	0.26	1.93
Carlsbad	61.7	87	37	0.00	0.00	0.21	0.49	1.49
Carrizozo	51.3	73	30	0.00	0.12	0.92	0.36	2.10
Las Cruces	58.0	83	36	0.00	0.02	0.05	0.21	1.26
Roswell	55.4	81	32	0.00	0.00	0.19	0.65	1.99
Ruidoso	48.8	71	24	0.00	0.18	1.02	0.63	4.24
Tatum	54.9	80	30	0.00	0.63	1.34	0.64	2.05

(T) Trace (-) No Report (\*) Correction - All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.