

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 3, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Following the beneficial moisture last week, hot, dry, windy weather conditions returned to further plague drought-ridden New Mexico, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Ranchers across much of the State continued to haul water to their herds, and supplemental feeding rates remained at or above 80 percent. The United States Drought Monitor released on May 31 showed some slight improvement following the uptick in rainfall last week. The portion of the State categorized by exceptional drought (D4) dropped to 18.3 percent, with the 2.0 percent reduction seen in the north-central area of the State. Severe to extreme drought (D2-D3) was now reportedly covering 71.1 percent of the State. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse blanketed 99.8 percent of New Mexico. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 29 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 24 percent last week, 46 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 35 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 5 percent good to excellent, compared with 6 percent last week, 31 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 25 percent. Spring fieldwork was in full swing, with row crops being planted and alfalfa hay, cabbage, and onions being harvested. Reports from Dona Ana County noted that approximately 25 percent of the cabbage crop was harvested. Comments from Lea County suggested that some irrigated cotton stands had failed due to a lack of water and high, hot winds. Precipitation was recorded at 14 out of 45 reporting weather stations, with Roswell, at 0.82 inch, reporting the largest accumulation during the week. Year-to-date moisture deficits were evident at 44 of the 46 reporting weather stations at week's end, with Angel Fire, at -5.84 inches, noting the largest deficit. Average temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below to 12 degrees above normal. At the reporting weather stations, daytime highs varied from 74 degrees at Los Alamos to 108 degrees at Carlsbad. In addition to Carlsbad, daytime highs reached or exceeded the century mark at 10 other weather stations during the week. Overnight lows ranged from 19 degrees at El Vado Dam to 64 degrees at Carlsbad. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 7 percent light, compared 7 percent light last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 11 percent light, 4 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe, compared with 12 percent light, 4 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe last week. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 28 percent very short, 23 percent short, and 49 percent adequate, compared with 27 percent very short, 25 percent short, and 48 percent adequate last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 30 percent very short, 15 percent short, and 55 percent adequate, compared with 29 percent very short, 20 percent short, 50 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 st cutting harvested.....	71	62	81	74
2 nd cutting harvested.....	22	6	28	15
Chile				
Emerged	91	87	91	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	86	79	80	81
Emerged	70	55	44	40
Cotton				
Planted.....	90	80	86	88
Emerged	70	60	48	NA
Onions				
Harvested.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Peanuts				
Planted.....	42	26	69	56
Emerged	2	--	37	NA
Sorghum				
Planted.....	57	50	31	36
Emerged	41	15	4	NA
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	8	1	20	6
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	81	86	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	80	85	NA	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	6.8	6.3	5.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	48	54	13	30
Short.....	23	22	41	35
Adequate.....	29	24	45	33
Surplus.....	--	--	1	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	36	36	13	NA
Short.....	39	42	40	NA
Adequate.....	25	22	46	NA
Surplus.....	--	--	1	NA

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.....	21	16	--	1
Poor.....	2	1	3	3
Fair.....	21	16	15	31
Good.....	55	64	79	51
Excellent.....	1	3	3	14
Chile				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	9	7	4	NA
Fair.....	10	8	57	NA
Good.....	60	55	26	NA
Excellent.....	21	30	13	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	8	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	41	NA	NA	NA
Good.....	12	NA	NA	NA
Excellent.....	37	NA	NA	NA
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	18	18	NA	NA
Fair.....	43	34	NA	NA
Good.....	29	36	NA	NA
Excellent.....	10	12	NA	NA
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	2	--
Fair.....	16	16	25	15
Good.....	50	50	52	42
Excellent.....	34	34	21	43
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	26	20	7	21
Poor.....	42	46	22	24
Fair.....	27	28	40	30
Good.....	3	5	25	21
Excellent.....	2	1	6	4
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	24	15	1	22
Poor.....	35	44	14	17
Fair.....	16	22	38	29
Good.....	6	9	45	25
Excellent.....	19	10	2	7
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	4	3	1	NA
Poor.....	14	14	3	NA
Fair.....	35	44	39	NA
Good.....	40	35	52	NA
Excellent.....	7	4	5	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	20	13	9	NA
Poor.....	6	4	12	NA
Fair.....	39	44	13	NA
Good.....	33	37	65	NA
Excellent.....	2	2	1	NA

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New Mexico's weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/NM-Weather-06032018.pdf

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