

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 10, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Substantial rainfall continued to elude much of New Mexico, increasing year-to-date deficits in many areas, and forcing ranchers in some areas to consider reducing their herds and forcing those that already have to consider a second reduction, 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 82 percent. The United States Drought Monitor released on June 7 categorized exceptional drought (D4) across 18.2 percent of New Mexico, a minimal reduction compared with the previous week. Severe to extreme drought (D2-D3) was now reportedly covering 70.3 percent of the State. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse blanketed 99.9 percent of New Mexico. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 23 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 29 percent last week, 44 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 35 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 6 percent good to excellent, compared with 5 percent last week, 27 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 24 percent. Wildfire danger remained high, with several fires currently burning across the State. Spring fieldwork was in full swing, with over 50 percent of the major row crops already planted. Depending on location, irrigation water shortages remained a high concern amongst producers. Precipitation was recorded at 28 out of 46 reporting weather stations, with Caprock, at 1.20 inches, reporting the largest accumulation during the week. Average temperatures ranged from 1 degree below to 10 degrees above normal. Daytime highs varied from 77 degrees at Los Alamos to 105 degrees at Carlsbad. Overnight lows ranged from 25 degrees at Angel Fire and El Morro to 66 degrees at NMSU. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 2 percent light, compared 7 percent light last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 5 percent light, 5 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe, compared with 11 percent light, 4 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe last week. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 37 percent very short, 23 percent short, and 40 percent adequate, compared with 28 percent very short, 23 percent short, and 49 percent adequate last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 34 percent very short, 20 percent short, and 46 percent adequate, compared with 30 percent very short, 15 percent short, and 55 percent adequate 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.....	84	71	89	86
2 nd cutting harvested.....	32	22	38	28
Chile				
Emerged	95	91	94	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	94	86	89	87
Emerged	80	70	59	51
Cotton				
Planted.....	98	90	90	94
Emerged	80	70	66	NA
Onions				
Harvested.....	14	2	29	28
Peanuts				
Planted.....	52	42	74	70
Emerged	6	2	60	NA
Sorghum				
Planted.....	62	57	39	47
Emerged	50	41	9	NA
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	18	8	41	15
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	82	81	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	83	80	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	6.8	6.7	6.5	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	50	48	15	31
Short.....	27	23	41	34
Adequate	23	29	43	33
Surplus	--	--	1	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	40	36	13	NA
Short.....	40	39	49	NA
Adequate	20	25	37	NA
Surplus	--	--	1	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	15	21	--	1
Poor	3	2	8	4
Fair.....	18	21	13	32
Good	63	55	77	49
Excellent.....	1	1	2	14
Chile				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor	9	9	4	NA
Fair.....	10	10	59	NA
Good	61	60	26	NA
Excellent.....	20	21	11	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	3	2	1	2
Poor	9	8	2	3
Fair.....	34	41	50	35
Good	33	12	24	37
Excellent.....	21	37	23	23
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor	14	18	2	13
Fair.....	43	43	62	39
Good	35	29	33	33
Excellent.....	8	10	3	14
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	16	16	22	15
Good	50	50	48	39
Excellent.....	34	34	30	46
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	22	26	8	22
Poor	45	42	27	24
Fair.....	27	27	38	30
Good	4	3	23	21
Excellent.....	2	2	4	3
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	NA	--	--
Poor	--	NA	--	2
Fair.....	4	NA	3	21
Good	96	NA	89	59
Excellent.....	--	NA	8	18
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	--	NA	5	14
Poor	1	NA	10	2
Fair.....	44	NA	60	37
Good	52	NA	15	44
Excellent.....	3	NA	10	3
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	33	24	2	23
Poor	30	35	15	16
Fair.....	10	16	44	32
Good	14	6	36	22
Excellent.....	13	19	3	7
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	3	4	2	NA
Poor	17	14	3	NA
Fair.....	37	35	36	NA
Good	39	40	53	NA
Excellent.....	4	7	6	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	14	20	15	NA
Poor	3	6	15	NA
Fair.....	44	39	10	NA
Good	35	33	60	NA
Excellent.....	4	2	--	NA

NA – not available

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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-06102018.pdf

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