

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 24, 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Spotty rainfall did little to lessen the prolonged drought conditions that have had a stronghold on much of the New Mexico for several months, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. While any moisture received is welcomed, an above average monsoon season is needed to reverse the effects of the dryness that continues to plague the State. The United States Drought Monitor released on June 21 categorized exceptional drought (D4) across 18.0 percent of New Mexico, a slight improvement compared with last week. Severe to extreme drought (D2-D3) was now reportedly covering 73.2 percent of the State. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse blanketed 98.6 percent of New Mexico, with expansion of an area along the southern border with Texas into drought-free classification. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 13 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 30 percent last week, 37 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 30 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 5 percent good to excellent, compared with 7 percent last week, 24 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 23 percent. Late reports indicated that some areas were hit with damaging hail as a result of last week's storm systems. Comments from Rio Arriba and Taos Counties noted that several producers filed Notices of Loss during the week; however, specific crops were not mentioned. Several wildfires, most of which were triggered by lightning, were still burning across the State. Precipitation was recorded at just 8 out of 44 reporting weather stations, with Clayton, at 0.47 inch, reporting the largest accumulation during the week. Average temperatures ranged from 10 degrees below to 10 degrees above normal. Daytime highs varied from 76 degrees at El Vado Dam to 108 degrees at Roswell. In total, temperatures above the century mark were reported at 17 out of 44 reporting weather stations. Overnight lows ranged from 27 degrees at El Vado Dam to 66 degrees at Conchas Dam. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 3 percent light, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe, compared with 1 percent light and 1 percent moderate last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 8 percent light, 10 percent moderate, and 2 percent severe, compared with 5 percent light and 7 percent moderate last week. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 35 percent very short, 30 percent short, and 35 percent adequate, compared with 31 percent very short, 31 percent short, and 38 percent adequate last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 36 percent very short, 20 percent short, and 44 percent adequate, compared with 36 percent very short, 18 percent short, and 46 percent adequate last week.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	54	46	55	55
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested .....	13	2	22	17
Corn				
Emerged .....	96	91	91	81
Cotton				
Emerged .....	90	88	82	NA
Squaring .....	7	2	6	17
Onions				
Harvested.....	50	32	54	53
Peanuts				
Planted.....	91	81	92	94
Emerged .....	40	25	81	NA
Sorghum				
Planted.....	80	72	72	75
Emerged .....	70	60	31	NA
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	38	28	73	49
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	82	78	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	78	75	NA	NA

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 .....	6.9	6.4	6.6	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	49	40	22	35
Short.....	38	30	41	35
Adequate .....	13	30	36	29
Surplus .....	--	--	1	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	49	40	18	NA
Short.....	38	47	51	NA
Adequate .....	13	13	30	NA
Surplus .....	--	--	1	NA

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 (--) – 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.....	15	15	--	1
Poor.....	2	1	1	4
Fair.....	17	25	26	32
Good.....	60	55	69	49
Excellent.....	6	4	4	14
<b>Chile</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	5	5	3	NA
Fair.....	21	17	54	NA
Good.....	49	52	40	NA
Excellent.....	25	26	3	NA
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	2
Poor.....	3	5	3	4
Fair.....	35	43	40	30
Good.....	41	32	38	42
Excellent.....	20	19	18	22
<b>Cotton</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	20	11	7	12
Fair.....	46	47	59	41
Good.....	26	35	32	30
Excellent.....	8	7	2	15
<b>Onions</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	1	--	--	NA
Fair.....	17	16	16	NA
Good.....	50	50	69	NA
Excellent.....	32	34	15	NA
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	19	20	7	22
Poor.....	49	45	24	24
Fair.....	27	28	45	31
Good.....	5	7	19	19
Excellent.....	--	--	5	4
<b>Pecans</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	4	4	4	19
Good.....	96	96	71	62
Excellent.....	--	--	25	18
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	10
Poor.....	1	1	7	5
Fair.....	49	49	58	37
Good.....	47	47	35	47
Excellent.....	3	3	--	1
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	40	38	10	24
Poor.....	30	29	15	13
Fair.....	15	15	31	29
Good.....	10	10	26	24
Excellent.....	5	8	18	10
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	3	3	1	NA
Poor.....	23	19	4	NA
Fair.....	39	39	45	NA
Good.....	30	34	46	NA
Excellent.....	5	5	4	NA
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	10	10	3	NA
Poor.....	5	3	8	NA
Fair.....	45	45	25	NA
Good.....	35	37	64	NA
Excellent.....	5	5	--	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

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-06242018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/NM-Weather-06242018.pdf)

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