

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 16, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: A mixed weather pattern continued to dominate the State during the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Portions of the southwest, where recent reports suggested the need for moisture in order for pastures to continue providing adequate feedstuffs to livestock, received rainfall accumulations that exceeded normal. Most notably, a storm centered over Dona Ana County dumped well over an inch of rain on the area. Statewide, producers were busy wrapping up corn and cotton planting, with just 4 percent of the intended acreage for each crop remaining to be sown. Hay harvest was in full swing across much of the State, with producers working on either their first or second cutting depending on location. Overall, 70 percent of the alfalfa hay was reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 59 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 64 percent. Comments from Rio Arriba County noted that the hay harvest in the Espanola Valley was going well. In Union County, the typical sources for livestock water were beginning to dry up, so ranchers began hauling water to their herds. Additionally, the loco weed population was increasing which was another concern going into what could quickly become a dry situation where native grasses are in short supply. Similarly, reports from Curry County indicated that dry, windy conditions led to a noticeable decline in both crop and pasture grass conditions. Ranchers in the area had reverted to or were gearing up to revert to supplemental feeding their animals. The United States Drought Monitor released on June 13 noted that the State remained free of exceptional, extreme, and severe drought (D4 – D2), while moderate drought (D1) was present across 11.0 percent of the State, a decline of 7.85 percentage points from last week. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse were evident across 29.9 percent of the State, a 4.9 percentage point drop when compared with last week. Drought-free conditions covered 70.1 percent of the State. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 42 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 52 percent last week, 30 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 37 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 23 percent good to excellent, compared with 28 percent last week, 7 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 25 percent. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent light, 1 percent moderate and 1 percent severe, compared with 6 percent light and 6 percent moderate last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 9 percent light and 9 percent moderate, compared with 10 percent light, 10 percent moderate, and 4 percent severe last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 17 percent very short, 23 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 15 percent very short, 25 percent short, 59 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.....	85	81	94	91
2 nd cutting harvested.....	35	29	44	39
Corn				
Planted.....	96	84	97	96
Emerged.....	68	60	89	72
Cotton				
Planted.....	96	93	99	96
Emerged.....	67	58	87	NA
Squaring.....	5	1	2	5
Onions				
Harvested.....	21	3	29	37
Peanuts				
Planted.....	79	64	77	81
Emerged.....	28	15	22	NA
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	15	2	27	30

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	6.7	6.3	6.4	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	21	19	40	25
Short.....	37	29	30	38
Adequate	41	50	30	37
Surplus	1	2	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	20	21	40	23
Short.....	39	38	47	37
Adequate	40	40	13	40
Surplus	1	1	--	--

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	1	1	15	3
Poor	5	5	1	4
Fair.....	24	24	25	29
Good	63	63	55	52
Excellent.....	7	7	4	12
Chile				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	1
Poor	1	7	5	5
Fair.....	36	43	17	28
Good	62	49	52	48
Excellent.....	--	--	26	18
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	--	1	2
Poor	10	9	5	3
Fair.....	52	45	43	32
Good	29	36	32	37
Excellent.....	8	10	19	26
Cotton				
Very poor.....	4	4	--	--
Poor	10	9	11	10
Fair.....	32	38	47	39
Good	45	46	35	37
Excellent.....	9	3	7	14
Onions				
Very poor.....	2	3	--	NA
Poor	4	7	--	NA
Fair.....	10	5	16	NA
Good	34	25	50	NA
Excellent.....	50	60	34	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	7	2	20	12
Poor	34	37	45	28
Fair.....	36	33	28	35
Good	18	22	7	21
Excellent.....	5	6	--	4
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor	2	2	--	--
Fair.....	25	25	4	11
Good	13	8	96	70
Excellent.....	60	65	--	19
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	1	38	18
Poor	12	9	29	18
Fair.....	28	23	15	30
Good	53	58	10	23
Excellent.....	7	9	8	11
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	4	3	3	2
Poor	11	7	19	8
Fair.....	32	37	39	38
Good	43	40	34	46
Excellent.....	10	13	5	6
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	1	10	12
Poor	19	15	3	12
Fair.....	54	50	45	29
Good	22	28	37	45
Excellent.....	5	6	5	2

NA – not available

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