

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 23, 2019

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** It was a dry week for much of the State, with measurable moisture noted in a few isolated areas, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The largest accumulations were reported in portions of Colfax and Taos Counties, where approximately an inch of rain was received. Elsewhere, warm temperatures, high winds, and dry conditions resulted in high concern as native pastures in many areas had started showing signs of drought-stress. Comments from Grant and Luna Counties indicated that no precipitation had been received recently, and that pastures were not producing adequate amounts of feedstuffs to support grazing livestock. While irrigation water remained in good supply and growers were actively watering their crops, comments from Union County suggested that the corn crop would benefit from some natural moisture. Reports indicated that some cotton acreage in Curry County was being replanted. Overall, 65 percent of the alfalfa hay was reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 66 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 66 percent. Producers in Curry County were starting to harvest their second cutting, while growers in Eddy County were busy harvesting their third cutting. The United States Drought Monitor released on June 20 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, unchanged from last week. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse were evident across 29.9 percent of the State, also unchanged from last week. Drought-free conditions covered 70.1 percent of the State. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 35 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 42 percent last week, 13 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 33 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 20 percent good to excellent, compared with 23 percent last week, 5 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 24 percent. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent light, 1 percent moderate, and 3 percent severe, compared with 1 percent light, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 15 percent light, 7 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe, compared with 9 percent light and 9 percent moderate last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 18 percent very short, 26 percent short, 55 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 17 percent very short, 23 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 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested.....	90	85	NA	NA
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested.....	44	35	53	51
Corn				
Emerged .....	73	68	95	84
Cotton				
Emerged .....	78	67	90	NA
Squaring .....	12	5	6	12
Onions				
Harvested.....	32	21	47	50
Peanuts				
Planted.....	96	79	90	91
Emerged .....	43	28	38	NA
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	25	15	37	48

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 .....	6.8	6.7	6.9	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	24	21	49	29
Short.....	41	37	38	38
Adequate .....	32	41	13	32
Surplus .....	3	1	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	23	20	49	26
Short.....	43	39	38	36
Adequate .....	33	40	13	38
Surplus .....	1	1	--	--

NA – not available  
 (--) – 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.....	1	1	15	3
Poor .....	7	5	2	3
Fair.....	27	24	17	28
Good .....	57	63	60	54
Excellent.....	8	7	6	12
<b>Chile</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	1
Poor .....	6	1	5	5
Fair.....	38	36	21	30
Good .....	55	62	49	48
Excellent.....	--	--	25	16
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	1
Poor .....	7	10	3	2
Fair.....	54	52	35	31
Good .....	29	29	41	42
Excellent.....	9	8	20	24
<b>Cotton</b>				
Very poor.....	2	4	--	--
Poor .....	12	10	20	12
Fair.....	37	32	46	43
Good .....	40	45	26	32
Excellent.....	9	9	8	13
<b>Onions</b>				
Very poor.....	2	2	--	NA
Poor .....	4	4	1	NA
Fair.....	10	10	17	NA
Good .....	39	34	50	NA
Excellent.....	45	50	32	NA
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	14	7	19	12
Poor .....	27	34	49	28
Fair.....	39	36	27	36
Good .....	19	18	5	20
Excellent.....	1	5	--	4
<b>Pecans</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor .....	2	2	--	--
Fair.....	26	25	4	11
Good .....	20	13	96	71
Excellent.....	52	60	--	18
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	40	19
Poor .....	12	12	30	17
Fair.....	30	28	15	29
Good .....	49	53	10	24
Excellent.....	9	7	5	11
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	1	4	3	2
Poor .....	12	11	23	9
Fair.....	33	32	39	39
Good .....	45	43	30	44
Excellent.....	9	10	5	6
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	1	--	10	12
Poor .....	16	19	5	14
Fair.....	51	54	45	29
Good .....	30	22	35	43
Excellent.....	2	5	5	2

NA – not available

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