

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 30, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Spotty rainfall across only a portion of the State last week did little to lessen the dry conditions, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. San Miguel County reported the largest accumulations and stated that heavy rainfall helped fill ponds, however some light hail damage to hay acres was seen. Other areas of the State saw warm temperatures, damaging winds, and dry conditions resulting in some water supply issues and concerns over native pastures. Comments from Grant, Luna and Union Counties indicated that no precipitation had been received recently, and livestock producers were starting to haul in water. Reports in Rio Arriba and Taos Counties indicated irrigation water remained in good supply. Overall, 74 percent of the alfalfa hay was reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 64 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 65 percent. The United States Drought Monitor released on June 27 noted that the State remained free of exceptional, extreme, and severe drought (D4 – D2), while moderate drought (D1) was present across 8.74 percent of the State, 2.26 percentage points below last week. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse were evident across 29.86 percent of the State, unchanged from last week. Drought-free conditions covered 70.14 percent of the State. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 33 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 35 percent last week, 15 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 36 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 28 percent good to excellent, compared with 20 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 and 1 percent moderate, compared with 3 percent light, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 17 percent light, 2 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe, compared with 15 percent light, 7 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 17 percent very short, 26 percent short, and 57 percent adequate, compared with 18 percent very short, 26 percent short, 55 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.....	92	90	NA	NA
2 nd cutting harvested.....	53	44	62	64
3 rd cutting harvested.....	5	NA	23	28
Corn				
Emerged.....	85	73	NA	NA
Cotton				
Emerged.....	82	78	92	NA
Squaring.....	25	12	18	24
Onions				
Harvested.....	49	32	69	68
Peanuts				
Emerged.....	63	43	61	NA
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	37	25	61	67

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	6.8	6.8	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	30	24	51	28
Short.....	37	41	34	36
Adequate.....	30	32	15	34
Surplus.....	3	3	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	29	23	46	25
Short.....	39	43	39	36
Adequate.....	31	33	15	39
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	15	3
Poor.....	7	7	4	3
Fair.....	19	27	17	29
Good.....	64	57	59	52
Excellent.....	10	8	5	13
Chile				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	1
Poor.....	1	6	10	6
Fair.....	39	38	22	31
Good.....	56	55	44	45
Excellent.....	--	--	24	17
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	1	3	3
Poor.....	4	7	5	4
Fair.....	53	54	40	31
Good.....	29	29	33	41
Excellent.....	13	9	19	21
Cotton				
Very poor.....	1	2	--	2
Poor.....	10	12	14	10
Fair.....	34	37	54	45
Good.....	45	40	26	31
Excellent.....	10	9	6	12
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	2	--	NA
Poor.....	5	4	1	NA
Fair.....	19	10	17	NA
Good.....	31	39	50	NA
Excellent.....	45	45	32	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	14	14	18	12
Poor.....	26	27	48	27
Fair.....	32	39	27	36
Good.....	26	19	7	21
Excellent.....	2	1	--	4
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	7	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	61	NA	NA	NA
Good.....	32	NA	NA	NA
Excellent.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	2	2	--	1
Fair.....	22	26	2	11
Good.....	29	20	93	69
Excellent.....	47	52	5	18
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	35	NA
Poor.....	12	12	25	NA
Fair.....	29	30	10	NA
Good.....	56	49	11	NA
Excellent.....	3	9	19	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	1	3	2
Poor.....	8	12	19	8
Fair.....	33	33	43	38
Good.....	49	45	27	45
Excellent.....	9	9	8	7
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	1	6	12
Poor.....	13	16	3	13
Fair.....	46	51	40	26
Good.....	39	30	42	46
Excellent.....	2	2	9	3

NA – not available

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