

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 7, 2020

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Precipitation was minimal, with total accumulations ranging from a trace in many areas to approximately an inch in the southeast corner of District 10, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Temperatures have reached triple digits with moderate to heavy winds in much of the state. In some areas, cattle are being moved or culled due to dry conditions and no growth of range grasses. In Union County, reports indicated that producers are postponing planting corn or instead planting sorghum and hay crops. The United States Drought Monitor released on June 4 indicated that extreme drought (D3) expanded slightly to cover 4.5 percent of the State, up 0.1 percentage point from last week. Severe drought (D2) now covered 18.8 percent of the State, showing a slight increase of 0.2 percentage points from last week. The area classified in moderate drought (D1) – currently 21.0 percent – was up 6.5 percentage points from the previous week. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse were evident across 68.0 percent of the State, or roughly 82,646 square miles. Reports also indicated that lightning strikes caused fires in Union county and a major fire in Harding county, called the Farm Camp Fire, that has been spreading rapidly due to dry, windy conditions. The Farm Camp Fire has burned approximately 12,000 acres. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 23 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 22 percent last week, 52 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 42 percent. Chile condition was reported as 61 percent good to excellent, compared with a 5-year average of 63 percent, while onion condition was reported as 90 percent good to excellent, compared with a 5-year average of 88 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 16 percent good to excellent, compared with 17 percent last week, 28 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 29 percent. There was no hail damage reported. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 20 percent light and 2 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 5 percent very short, 35 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 5 percent very short, 32 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 14 percent very short, 38 percent short, and 48 percent adequate, compared with 7 percent very short, 39 percent short, and 54 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 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested.....	88	79	79	78
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested.....	32	26	27	27
Chile				
Emerged .....	88	85	95	95
Corn				
Planted.....	83	76	82	87
Emerged .....	61	52	58	56
Cotton				
Planted.....	85	80	92	92
Emerged .....	70	51	56	66
Onions				
Harvested.....	11	--	3	18
Peanuts				
Planted.....	98	75	62	62
Emerged .....	53	32	13	21
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	27	4	2	11
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	82	75	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	61	62	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 .....	6.7	6.6	6.3	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	36	31	19	21
Short.....	41	47	29	37
Adequate .....	23	22	50	40
Surplus .....	--	--	2	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	35	38	21	19
Short.....	42	40	38	37
Adequate .....	23	22	40	44
Surplus .....	--	--	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	3
Poor.....	2	4	5	4
Fair.....	19	28	24	24
Good.....	67	58	63	60
Excellent.....	11	10	7	9
Chile				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	--	--	7	6
Fair.....	39	39	43	30
Good.....	50	50	49	48
Excellent.....	11	11	--	15
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	NA	--	1
Poor.....	1	NA	9	4
Fair.....	63	NA	45	34
Good.....	21	NA	36	37
Excellent.....	15	NA	10	24
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	NA	4	1
Poor.....	7	NA	9	11
Fair.....	63	NA	38	38
Good.....	30	NA	46	43
Excellent.....	--	NA	3	7
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	1
Poor.....	--	--	7	1
Fair.....	10	11	5	10
Good.....	50	57	25	39
Excellent.....	40	32	60	49
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	8	9	2	8
Poor.....	30	29	37	27
Fair.....	46	45	33	36
Good.....	16	17	22	24
Excellent.....	--	--	6	5
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	NA	--	--
Poor.....	7	NA	2	2
Fair.....	9	NA	25	11
Good.....	68	NA	8	63
Excellent.....	16	NA	65	24
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	8
Poor.....	21	24	9	16
Fair.....	61	52	23	32
Good.....	11	14	58	35
Excellent.....	7	10	9	9
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	2	3	2
Poor.....	7	5	7	7
Fair.....	38	36	37	34
Good.....	45	43	40	50
Excellent.....	9	14	13	7
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	2	11	1	12
Poor.....	9	8	15	13
Fair.....	21	18	50	26
Good.....	66	60	28	46
Excellent.....	2	3	6	3

NA – not available

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