

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 14, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Over the past week, scattered rain has done little to help as the drought continues, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. In Union County, strong winds of 30-50 miles per hour were reported. Livestock producers are considering selling off herds due to the cost and limited availability of feed. Range conditions continue to worsen and fire risk is extreme. Last week, the Farm Camp Fire in Harding County burned approximately 22,000 acres and was reported to be 90 percent contained on June 14. Reports from Union County indicate corn is doing well, winter wheat is maturing, and triticale is being cut for hay. Due to weather conditions, onions are sizing well and producers are optimistic about this year's crop. According to reports, there was some frost in the northern most portions of Rio Arriba County. The United States Drought Monitor released on June 11 indicated that extreme drought (D3) expanded to cover 8.9 percent of the State, up 4.4 percentage points from last week. Severe drought (D2) now covers 21.3 percent of the State, showing an increase of 2.5 percentage points from last week. The area classified in moderate drought (D1) – currently 21.2 percent – was up 0.2 percentage points from the previous week. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse were evident across 75.1 percent of the State, or roughly 91,400 square miles. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 20 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 23 percent last week, 42 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 39 percent. Chile condition was reported as 57 percent good to excellent, compared with a 5-year average of 67 percent. Onion condition was reported as 88 percent good to excellent, compared with 84 percent last year and a 5-year average of 89 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 13 percent good to excellent, compared with 16 percent last week, 23 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 28 percent. There was no hail damage reported. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 18 percent light and 5 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 10 percent very short, 39 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 5 percent very short, 35 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 23 percent very short, 30 percent short, 46 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 14 percent very short, 38 percent short, and 48 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 st cutting harvested.....	90	88	84	88
2 nd cutting harvested.....	36	32	33	37
3 rd cutting harvested.....	5	NA	--	NA
Chile				
Emerged.....	92	88	NA	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	86	83	93	94
Emerged.....	64	61	66	68
Cotton				
Planted.....	90	85	95	95
Emerged.....	74	70	64	75
Squaring.....	2	--	4	1
Onions				
Harvested.....	22	11	16	32
Peanuts				
Emerged.....	82	53	24	39
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	30	27	11	25
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	76	82	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	56	61	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.....	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	45	36	21	20
Short.....	35	41	37	41
Adequate.....	20	23	41	38
Surplus.....	--	--	1	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	44	35	20	19
Short.....	39	42	39	40
Adequate.....	17	23	40	41
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.....	2	1	1	3
Poor.....	4	2	5	4
Fair.....	25	19	24	28
Good.....	58	67	63	55
Excellent.....	11	11	7	10
Chile				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	1	--	1	4
Fair.....	42	39	36	28
Good.....	46	50	62	52
Excellent.....	11	11	--	15
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	1	1	10	3
Fair.....	60	63	52	35
Good.....	19	21	29	39
Excellent.....	20	15	8	22
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	4	1
Poor.....	6	7	10	11
Fair.....	62	63	32	38
Good.....	28	30	45	42
Excellent.....	4	--	9	8
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	--
Poor.....	4	--	4	1
Fair.....	8	10	10	10
Good.....	41	50	34	41
Excellent.....	47	40	50	48
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	17	8	7	8
Poor.....	31	30	34	27
Fair.....	39	46	36	37
Good.....	13	16	18	24
Excellent.....	--	--	5	4
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	15	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	58	NA	NA	NA
Good.....	27	NA	NA	NA
Excellent.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Pecans				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	--
Poor.....	5	7	2	1
Fair.....	18	9	25	11
Good.....	62	68	13	63
Excellent.....	14	16	60	25
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	10
Poor.....	21	21	12	16
Fair.....	55	61	28	33
Good.....	15	11	53	31
Excellent.....	9	7	7	10
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	2	1	4	2
Poor.....	10	7	11	7
Fair.....	40	38	32	34
Good.....	36	45	43	50
Excellent.....	12	9	10	7
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	1	2	--	9
Poor.....	14	9	19	12
Fair.....	28	21	54	29
Good.....	57	66	22	47
Excellent.....	--	2	5	3

NA – not available

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