

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 21, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Hot, dry, and windy conditions continued across the state last week and conditions for livestock worsened, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. In Union County, livestock are receiving supplemental feed and producers are considering weaning calves early. Wheat is almost mature but harvest has not yet begun. In District 90, reports indicated excessive heat, wind, and blowing dust. Spotted showers were seen across the state, with accumulations ranging from trace amounts to one inch. Fire danger remains high. The United States Drought Monitor released on June 18 indicated that extreme drought (D3) expanded to cover 11.2 percent of the State, up 2.3 percentage points from last week. Severe drought (D2) now covers 29.2 percent of the State, most of the east side of the state down to Eddy County, and is showing an increase of 8 percentage points from last week. The area classified in moderate drought (D1) – currently 12.3 percent – decreased by 8.9 percentage points compared to 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, which is the same as last week. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 86 percent short to very short, compared with 80 percent last week, 65 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 67 percent. Subsoil moisture levels were reported as 90 percent short to very short, compared with 83 percent last week, 66 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 62 percent. Chile condition was reported as 44 percent good to excellent, compared with a 5-year average of 65 percent. Onion condition was reported as 88 percent good to excellent, compared with 84 percent last year. Pasture and range condition was reported as 59 percent poor to very poor, compared with 48 percent last week, 41 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 35 percent. There was no hail damage reported. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 22 percent light and 10 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 10 percent very short, 45 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 10 percent very short, 39 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 32 percent very short, 31 percent short, and 37 percent adequate, compared with 23 percent very short, 30 percent short, 46 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.....	94	90	89	NA
2 nd cutting harvested.....	41	36	41	47
3 rd cutting harvested.....	12	5	NA	NA
Chile				
Emerged.....	95	92	NA	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	89	86	NA	NA
Emerged.....	67	64	72	80
Silking.....	2	NA	--	--
Cotton				
Planted.....	94	90	NA	NA
Emerged.....	77	74	75	83
Squaring.....	6	2	10	6
Onions				
Harvested.....	29	22	29	45
Peanuts				
Emerged.....	88	82	39	53
Pegging.....	4	NA	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	46	30	22	40
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	75	76	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	61	56	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.....	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	59	45	24	24
Short.....	27	35	41	43
Adequate.....	14	20	32	32
Surplus.....	--	--	3	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	59	44	23	22
Short.....	31	39	43	40
Adequate.....	10	17	33	38
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	2	1	3
Poor.....	4	4	7	3
Fair.....	33	25	27	27
Good.....	49	58	57	56
Excellent.....	13	11	8	11
Chile				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	5	1	6	5
Fair.....	51	42	38	29
Good.....	40	46	55	51
Excellent.....	4	11	--	14
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	1	1	7	3
Fair.....	57	60	54	34
Good.....	13	19	29	41
Excellent.....	29	20	9	21
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	1
Poor.....	12	6	12	13
Fair.....	53	62	37	41
Good.....	34	28	40	37
Excellent.....	1	4	9	8
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	NA
Poor.....	4	4	4	NA
Fair.....	8	8	10	NA
Good.....	40	41	39	NA
Excellent.....	48	47	45	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	24	17	14	10
Poor.....	35	31	27	25
Fair.....	36	39	39	39
Good.....	5	13	19	22
Excellent.....	--	--	1	4
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	11	15	NA	NA
Fair.....	67	58	NA	NA
Good.....	22	27	NA	NA
Excellent.....	--	--	NA	NA
Pecans				
Very poor.....	2	1	--	--
Poor.....	6	5	2	--
Fair.....	19	18	26	11
Good.....	61	62	20	64
Excellent.....	12	14	52	25
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	11
Poor.....	30	21	12	16
Fair.....	53	55	30	31
Good.....	13	15	49	30
Excellent.....	4	9	9	12
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	8	2	1	2
Poor.....	9	10	12	9
Fair.....	43	40	33	35
Good.....	29	36	45	47
Excellent.....	11	12	9	7
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	8
Poor.....	9	14	16	12
Fair.....	35	28	51	31
Good.....	55	57	30	47
Excellent.....	--	--	2	2

NA – not available

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