

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 28, 2020

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Rains fell across much of the Eastern half of the state this week, but did little to mitigate the effects of the drought, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Rain accumulations ranged from a trace to 1.5 inches in small areas of the state. In Union County, livestock are being culled and remaining livestock must be fed supplemental feed. Sorghum has begun to emerge and wheat harvest has begun. With the recent rain, pastures show new growth but concerns remain about the risk of fire. In Rio Arriba County, fire risk remains high with the hot and windy conditions. The United States Drought Monitor released on June 25 indicated that extreme drought (D3) expanded slightly to cover 11.3 percent of the State, up 0.1 percentage points from last week. Severe drought (D2) now covers 30 percent of the State, which is an increase of 0.7 percentage points from last week. The area classified in moderate drought (D1) – currently 11.4 percent – decreased by 0.8 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 the previous two weeks. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 86 percent short to very short, compared with 86 percent last week, 67 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 65 percent. Subsoil moisture levels were reported as 90 percent short to very short, compared with 90 percent last week, 68 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 60 percent. Chile condition was reported as 47 percent good to excellent, compared with a 5-year average of 62 percent. Onion condition was reported as 73 percent good to excellent, compared with 88 percent last week and 76 percent last year. Pasture and range condition was reported as 68 percent poor to very poor, compared with 59 percent last week, 40 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 35 percent. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 8 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 26 percent light, 5 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 4 percent very short, 42 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 10 percent very short, 45 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 23 percent very short, 40 percent short, and 37 percent adequate, compared with 32 percent very short, 31 percent short, and 37 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.....	96	94	91	NA
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested.....	47	41	50	59
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested.....	17	12	NA	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	92	89	NA	NA
Emerged.....	72	67	82	88
Silked.....	5	2	--	1
Cotton				
Planted.....	96	94	NA	NA
Emerged.....	79	77	81	87
Squaring.....	18	6	21	15
Onions				
Harvested.....	50	29	44	61
Peanuts				
Emerged.....	97	88	57	67
Pegging.....	22	4	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	65	46	34	59
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	76	75	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	64	61	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.....	6.6	6.8	6.8	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	50	59	30	25
Short.....	36	27	37	40
Adequate.....	14	14	30	33
Surplus.....	--	--	3	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	50	59	29	22
Short.....	40	31	39	38
Adequate.....	10	10	31	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.....	5	1	--	3
Poor.....	7	4	7	4
Fair.....	26	33	19	25
Good.....	58	49	64	56
Excellent.....	4	13	10	12
Chile				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	4	5	1	6
Fair.....	49	51	39	31
Good.....	45	40	59	48
Excellent.....	2	4	--	14
Corn				
Very poor.....	3	--	1	2
Poor.....	3	1	4	4
Fair.....	55	57	53	34
Good.....	13	13	29	40
Excellent.....	26	29	13	20
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	2
Poor.....	16	12	10	11
Fair.....	58	53	34	43
Good.....	25	34	45	36
Excellent.....	1	1	10	8
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	4	4	5	NA
Fair.....	23	8	19	NA
Good.....	34	40	31	NA
Excellent.....	29	48	45	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	32	24	14	10
Poor.....	36	35	26	25
Fair.....	27	36	32	37
Good.....	5	5	26	24
Excellent.....	--	--	2	4
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	11	11	7	NA
Fair.....	62	67	61	NA
Good.....	27	22	32	NA
Excellent.....	--	--	--	NA
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	2	--	1
Poor.....	1	6	2	1
Fair.....	14	19	22	11
Good.....	70	61	29	63
Excellent.....	15	12	47	24
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	2	8	1	1
Poor.....	10	9	8	7
Fair.....	42	43	33	34
Good.....	38	29	49	50
Excellent.....	8	11	9	8
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	10	1	--	8
Poor.....	10	9	13	10
Fair.....	32	35	46	28
Good.....	48	55	39	51
Excellent.....	--	--	2	3

NA – not available

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