

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 27, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Growing conditions across the State remained troublesome for most producers as high temperatures and below average rainfall continued to dominate the State, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. For some areas, a forecasted cold front was expected to bring cooler temperatures and increased chances for rainfall. Statewide, 72 percent of the State's pastures and rangelands were reported in very poor or poor condition, compared with 68 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 44 percent. Growers stayed busy harvesting alfalfa, triticale and wheat hays, as well as winter wheat for grain. The State's onion harvest was well underway. Livestock were still being supplemented with hay and minerals to help offset the reduction in pasture grass quality and quantity. During the past week, converted moisture totals ranged from approximately 3 inches to merely a trace. Rainfall was more widespread, although total accumulations were well below average in most locations. According to the United States Drought Monitor for June 22, drought-free conditions existed across an area equal to 1.0 percent of the State. Comments from the area continued to note that visually, drought was still present. Abnormal dryness decreased to cover 4.9 percent of the State. Moderate drought (D1) increased, and was present across 6.6 percent of New Mexico lands, while severe drought (D2) remained across 24.4 percent. Slight changes were evident in extreme (D3) and exceptional (D4) drought, with 31.2 and 31.8 percent of the State classified in the two categories, respectively. Collectively, about 76,659 square miles were still affected by extreme and exceptional drought. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 78 percent short to very short, compared with 86 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 72 percent. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 7 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 20 percent light, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 40 percent very short, 35 percent short, 24 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 4 percent very short, 42 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 61 percent very short, 10 percent short, 28 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 23 percent very short, 40 percent short, and 37 percent adequate last year.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	50	45	46	54
3 rd cutting harvested.....	2	NA	16	NA
Corn				
Emerged	91	84	71	85
Cotton				
Emerged	88	79	79	85
Squaring.....	10	7	16	15
Onions				
Harvested	15	3	47	51
Peanuts				
Emerged	77	57	96	70
Winter wheat				
Harvested	43	33	62	58
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed	80	82	76	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed	79	82	64	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	6.9	6.6	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	50	45	50	32
Short.....	28	30	36	40
Adequate.....	20	24	14	26
Surplus.....	2	1	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	60	55	50	29
Short.....	31	35	40	42
Adequate.....	8	10	10	28
Surplus.....	1	--	--	1

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	--	--	5	4
Poor	9	5	7	5
Fair.....	45	40	26	26
Good.....	25	30	58	59
Excellent	21	25	4	6
Chile				
Very poor	2	2	--	1
Poor	7	7	4	6
Fair.....	18	17	49	37
Good.....	42	40	45	46
Excellent	31	34	2	10
Corn				
Very poor	1	1	3	3
Poor	4	2	3	5
Fair.....	47	42	55	43
Good.....	23	32	13	32
Excellent	25	23	26	17
Cotton				
Very poor	2	2	--	2
Poor	29	29	16	15
Fair.....	43	41	58	46
Good.....	17	18	25	30
Excellent	9	10	1	7
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	--	4	NA
Fair.....	10	10	23	NA
Good.....	35	35	34	NA
Excellent	55	55	39	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	39	31	32	15
Poor	33	32	36	29
Fair.....	18	20	27	36
Good.....	8	12	5	18
Excellent	2	5	--	2
Pecans				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor	2	1	1	1
Fair.....	5	1	14	11
Good.....	93	98	70	62
Excellent	--	--	15	25
Winter wheat				
Very poor	35	30	NA	NA
Poor	24	28	NA	NA
Fair.....	25	30	NA	NA
Good.....	5	9	NA	NA
Excellent	11	3	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	11	7	2	2
Poor	16	15	10	8
Fair.....	34	36	42	37
Good.....	30	37	38	45
Excellent	9	5	8	8
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	26	20	10	6
Poor	8	8	10	8
Fair.....	25	30	32	32
Good.....	41	42	48	51
Excellent	--	--	--	3

NA – not available

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