

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 4, 2023

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** The Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA reported significant planting and growing progress for field crops in New Mexico last week. As of June 4, all the chile acres were planted and 64 percent had already emerged. Condition of the chiles were very comparable to previous years at 34 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 27 percent good and 14 percent excellent. Corn planting was slightly ahead of last year and cotton was right on-pace with 2022 plantings. Onions were being harvested and were reported to be in mostly excellent condition. Last week was cold and wet in New Mexico, with significant rainfall across the State and maximum daily temperatures six degrees below average in the eastern half of the State. Despite the rain there were still 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork. The National Weather Service issued a flood watch for parts of north central New Mexico. Affected counties included Colfax, Mora, San Miguel, Sandoval, and Rio Arriba, as well as Lincoln County further south. Union County reported standing water in fields, and greatly improved pastures after receiving 2.5 to 5.0 inches of rain throughout the week. Freeze, wind, and hail damage were minimal last week throughout the State. Last week, the United States Drought Monitor categorized 51.7 percent of New Mexico as drought-free, a significant improvement from the previous year when none of the State was considered drought-free. The rest of the State was categorized as 19.5 percent abnormally dry (D0), 12.6 percent moderate drought (D1), 15.6 percent severe drought (D2), 0.6 percent extreme drought (D3), and none categorized as exceptional drought (D4). With lots of rain and improved pasture conditions, fewer cattle and sheep received supplemental feed last week. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 35 percent very short, 35 percent short, 23 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 20 percent very short, 21 percent short, 45 percent adequate and 14 percent surplus.

### 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 .....	60	41	84	80
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested.....	5	2	9	20
Chile Peppers				
Emerged .....	64	55	NA	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	83	79	70	80
Emerged .....	46	28	48	57
Cotton				
Planted.....	73	60	73	82
Emerged .....	37	30	38	55
Onions				
Harvested.....	18	8	NA	NA
Peanuts				
Planted.....	43	37	63	62
Emerged .....	18	12	35	21
Winter Wheat				
Headed .....	90	76	95	NA
Cattle and Calves				
Cows calved.....	90	88	NA	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	52	73	87	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambd .....	95	93	NA	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	42	46	85	NA

NA – not available  
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**DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELD WORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION**

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.4	6.2	6.8	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	15	17	54	40
Short.....	36	35	34	33
Adequate.....	43	40	12	26
Surplus.....	6	8	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	20	21	56	41
Short.....	44	53	37	39
Adequate.....	34	25	7	20
Surplus.....	2	1	--	--

NA – not available

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**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	4
Poor.....	4	5	6	6
Fair.....	20	26	35	25
Good.....	41	32	50	56
Excellent.....	35	37	8	9
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	5	2
Fair.....	5	5	20	12
Good.....	45	44	60	44
Excellent.....	50	51	15	41
Chile Peppers				
Very poor.....	--	--	6	2
Poor.....	34	34	13	7
Fair.....	25	25	41	31
Good.....	27	28	25	46
Excellent.....	14	13	15	14
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	5	7	13	13
Poor.....	21	30	38	38
Fair.....	41	32	41	34
Good.....	25	27	7	11
Excellent.....	8	4	1	4
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	18	11	62	27
Poor.....	33	24	22	21
Fair.....	28	31	4	24
Good.....	5	9	4	18
Excellent.....	16	25	8	10
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	2	2	2
Poor.....	3	5	19	14
Fair.....	39	38	35	37
Good.....	42	35	30	37
Excellent.....	15	20	14	10
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	6
Poor.....	3	4	10	10
Fair.....	38	29	40	39
Good.....	54	53	45	42
Excellent.....	5	14	5	3

NA – not available

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