

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 11, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: The Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA reported 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork in New Mexico last week. Peanut producers were busy getting their crop in the ground. The percent of peanut acres planted increased from 43 percent the previous week to 75 percent. Twenty-six percent of the crop had emerged. The onion harvest progressed from 18 percent to 30 percent, and the crop was reported to be in mostly good or excellent condition. Nearly all the winter wheat had headed, and reports from Union County said some was already being harvested for hay. Last week brought scattered rain across eastern New Mexico, ranging from 2 to 4 inches, and improving pasture and range conditions for the State. Despite significant rainfall in the eastern half of the State, the National Weather Service issued a red flag warning for southwest New Mexico due to dry and windy conditions. Temperatures across the State were cooler than normal by 4-8 degrees. Freeze, hail, and wind damage were minimal last week throughout the State. Last week, the United States Drought Monitor categorized 52.0 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 19.9 percent abnormally dry (D0), 17.5 percent moderate drought (D1), 10.6 percent severe drought (D2), and none categorized as extreme drought (D3) or exceptional drought (D4). Last week was the first time since April 2020 that none of New Mexico was in extreme or exceptional drought status. 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, 34 percent short, 23 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus—nearly identical to the previous week. Stock water supplies were reported as 15 percent very short, 30 percent short, 50 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
1 st cutting harvested	70	60	87	87
2 nd cutting harvested	7	5	19	28
Chile Peppers				
Emerged	70	64	NA	NA
Corn				
Planted	88	83	80	88
Emerged	57	46	61	67
Cotton				
Planted	82	73	87	90
Emerged	52	37	48	65
Onions				
Harvested	30	18	NA	NA
Peanuts				
Planted	75	43	82	NA
Emerged	26	18	51	36
Winter Wheat				
Headed	97	90	NA	NA
Cattle and Calves				
Cows calved	91	90	NA	NA
Receiving supplemental feed	48	52	86	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed	29	42	86	NA

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELD WORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.8	6.4	6.7	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	12	15	57	40
Short	33	36	37	35
Adequate	51	43	6	24
Surplus	4	6	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	24	20	55	42
Short	48	44	40	41
Adequate	27	34	5	17
Surplus	1	2	--	--

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	--	--	1	4
Poor	6	4	6	5
Fair	20	20	40	30
Good	37	41	45	51
Excellent	37	35	8	10
Chile Peppers				
Very poor	--	--	6	2
Poor	35	34	16	6
Fair	25	25	38	31
Good	27	27	25	45
Excellent	13	14	15	16
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	3	2
Fair	5	5	18	14
Good	36	45	69	46
Excellent	59	50	10	38
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	4	5	18	18
Poor	21	21	43	38
Fair	42	41	36	32
Good	20	25	3	10
Excellent	13	8	--	2
Pecans				
Very poor	1	NA	--	--
Poor	1	NA	5	3
Fair	1	NA	26	16
Good	28	NA	30	58
Excellent	69	NA	39	23
Winter wheat				
Very poor	21	18	62	28
Poor	41	33	22	22
Fair	25	28	4	25
Good	2	5	4	17
Excellent	11	16	8	8
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	1	1	3	4
Poor	3	3	22	16
Fair	40	39	37	36
Good	41	42	28	35
Excellent	15	15	10	9
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	4	--	--	5
Poor	7	3	10	11
Fair	37	38	46	42
Good	49	54	44	39
Excellent	3	5	--	3

NA – not available

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