

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 18, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: With the onset of summer just days away, the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA reported crops in New Mexico to be in mostly good or fair condition. Two crops that were reported doing better than past years, were onions and pecans. Sixty percent of the onion crop and 78 percent of pecans were reported to be in excellent condition, compared to 5-year averages of 36 percent and 21 percent respectively. New Mexico had 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork last week, a bit low for this time of year, but producers made lots of progress, especially in the cotton, onion, and peanut fields. The percent of cotton acres that were planted increased from 82 percent to 88 percent, peanut acreage increased from 75 percent planted to 96 percent, and the onion harvest progressed from 30 percent complete to 43 percent complete. Slightly behind historical timing, winter wheat grain harvest began last week. Northern New Mexico received 0.1 inches of rain last week, and slightly more in the northeastern corner according to NOAA Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service. The rest of the State however, was dry and saw an increase in temperatures, especially in the southeast where the National Integrated Drought Information System recorded Chaves, Eddy and Lea counties with temperatures a few degrees above normal. Freeze, and wind damage were minimal last week. Union County reported extreme hail that damaged some wheat fields and corn. The wheat was mowed down and it was yet to be determined how severe the corn damage was or if the crop will recover. Last week, the United States Drought Monitor categorized just 24.7 percent of New Mexico as experiencing any level of drought conditions. Of the area afflicted by drought, 8.6 percent was in severe drought (D2) and 16.1 percent moderate drought (D1). For the remaining area, 22.9 percent was abnormally dry (D0), and 52.3 percent of the State was drought-free. None of New Mexico was in extreme drought (D3) or exceptional drought (D4). Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 33 percent very short, 36 percent short, 23 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus—nearly identical to the previous week. Stock water supplies were reported as 17 percent very short, 32 percent short, 49 percent adequate and 2 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	75	70	90	NA
2 nd cutting harvested	25	7	29	38
Chile Peppers				
Emerged	76	70	NA	NA
Corn				
Planted	91	88	90	NA
Emerged	66	57	68	75
Cotton				
Planted	88	82	95	NA
Emerged	63	52	67	75
Onions				
Harvested	43	30	36	25
Peanuts				
Planted	96	75	94	NA
Emerged	39	26	61	51
Winter Wheat				
Harvested for grain	16	--	34	30
Cattle and Calves				
Cows calved	94	91	NA	NA
Receiving supplemental feed	62	48	85	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed	24	29	81	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	6.5	6.8	6.7	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	21	12	59	47
Short	36	33	34	34
Adequate	42	51	7	18
Surplus	1	4	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	27	24	55	49
Short	41	48	40	37
Adequate	31	27	5	14
Surplus	1	1	--	--

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	5	6	8	5
Fair	25	20	38	31
Good	36	37	44	48
Excellent.....	34	37	9	12
Chile Peppers				
Very poor	--	--	4	1
Poor	35	35	13	7
Fair	25	25	30	31
Good	27	27	42	46
Excellent.....	13	13	11	15
Cotton				
Very poor	--	NA	5	2
Poor	6	NA	16	18
Fair	58	NA	53	46
Good	29	NA	23	28
Excellent.....	7	NA	3	6
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	1	2
Fair	5	5	20	13
Good	35	36	78	49
Excellent.....	60	59	1	36
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	6	4	23	22
Poor	22	21	45	38
Fair	44	42	29	30
Good	16	20	3	9
Excellent.....	12	13	--	1
Pecans				
Very poor	1	1	1	1
Poor	1	1	5	3
Fair	1	1	24	15
Good	19	28	30	60
Excellent.....	78	69	40	21
Winter wheat				
Very poor	21	21	61	27
Poor	41	41	22	24
Fair	25	25	4	26
Good	2	2	4	17
Excellent.....	11	11	9	6
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	1	1	4	5
Poor	3	3	25	17
Fair	40	40	35	37
Good	40	41	29	34
Excellent.....	16	15	7	7
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	4	2	7
Poor	3	7	15	11
Fair	35	37	40	39
Good	57	49	42	41
Excellent.....	5	3	1	2

NA – not available

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