

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 25, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: With the onset of summer, crops in New Mexico were mostly in fair to excellent condition, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Two crops that were reported doing better than past years were onions and pecans. Seventy percent of the onion crop and 85 percent of pecans were reported to be in excellent condition, compared with 5-year averages of 34 percent and 22 percent respectively. New Mexico producers had 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork last week, comparable to previous years, which allowed producers to make lots of progress, especially in the cotton, onion, and peanut fields. The percent of cotton acres that were planted increased from 88 percent to 92 percent, peanut emergence increased from 39 percent to 49 percent, and the onion harvest progressed from 43 percent complete to 49 percent complete. Winter wheat harvested for grain is slightly behind historical progress at 20 percent complete, compared with 43 percent last year and a 42 percent average the past five years. Northeastern New Mexico received 2.0 inches of rain last week, while Harding County received 5.0 inches according to NOAA Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service. The rest of the State, however, was dry and received 0 to 0.1 inches of rain. The central northern to central western corner of the State saw slightly colder temperatures down to 2 degrees from their average. While the southeastern corner saw an increase in temperatures, especially in Chaves, Eddy and Lea Counties where temperatures were recorded up to 10 degrees above normal in some areas of the counties according to the High Plains Regional Climate Center. Freeze, and wind damage were minimal last week. Union County again reported extreme hail that damaged additional wheat and corn fields. The wheat was mowed down and cornfields were being replanted. Reports from Dona Ana County noted the extreme heat and low humidity caused problems maintaining moisture in crops. Last week, the United States Drought Monitor categorized 22.5 percent of New Mexico as experiencing moderate drought or worse. Of the area affected by drought, 6.9 percent was in severe drought (D2) and 15.6 percent in moderate drought (D1). For the remaining area, 21.6 percent was abnormally dry (D0), and 55.9 percent of the State was drought-free. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 36 percent very short, 48 percent short, 14 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 43 percent very short, 23 percent short, 33 percent adequate and 1 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	89	75	96	NA
2 nd cutting harvested.....	44	25	43	48
Chile Peppers				
Emerged	79	76	NA	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	93	91	93	NA
Emerged	73	66	78	82
Cotton				
Planted.....	92	88	NA	NA
Emerged	69	63	86	84
Onions				
Harvested.....	49	43	44	37
Peanuts				
Emerged	49	39	73	66
Winter Wheat				
Harvested for grain	20	16	43	42
Cattle and Calves				
Cows calved.....	95	94	NA	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	62	62	78	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	23	24	75	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	6.5	6.3	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	31	21	52	46
Short	32	36	38	35
Adequate.....	36	42	10	18
Surplus.....	1	1	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	32	27	49	48
Short	33	41	43	38
Adequate.....	35	31	8	14
Surplus.....	--	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	1	5	12	8
Fair	16	25	35	28
Good	37	36	40	50
Excellent	46	34	12	10
Chile Peppers				
Very poor	--	--	4	1
Poor	30	35	13	7
Fair	20	25	28	31
Good	20	27	42	47
Excellent	30	13	13	14
Corn				
Very poor	--	NA	4	2
Poor	--	NA	6	4
Fair	--	NA	40	47
Good	63	NA	10	22
Excellent	37	NA	40	25
Cotton				
Very poor	--	--	5	2
Poor	--	6	16	17
Fair	50	58	53	48
Good	30	29	23	27
Excellent	20	7	3	6
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	--	2
Fair	--	5	18	17
Good	30	35	82	47
Excellent	70	60	--	34
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	10	6	17	24
Poor	18	22	54	40
Fair	43	44	22	25
Good	9	16	6	10
Excellent	20	12	1	1
Pecans				
Very poor	--	1	--	--
Poor	--	1	5	2
Fair	--	1	23	13
Good	15	19	31	63
Excellent	85	78	41	22
Winter wheat				
Very poor	15	21	55	NA
Poor	35	41	20	NA
Fair	20	25	6	NA
Good	10	2	7	NA
Excellent	20	11	12	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	2	1	3	4
Poor	2	3	28	16
Fair	33	40	30	37
Good	48	40	23	33
Excellent	15	16	16	10
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	5	9
Poor	2	3	18	10
Fair	30	35	34	36
Good	64	57	40	42
Excellent	4	5	3	3

NA – not available

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