

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION  
WEEK ENDING JUNE 26, 2022

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** The monsoon stayed strong following last week’s jump in precipitation, with beneficial rainfall delivered to widespread areas across New Mexico, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Most western counties received moisture totaling 600 percent or more above normal, with some isolated locations within this area recording rainfall 4 inches above normal. By week’s end, soil moisture levels had improved slightly. The moisture increase left many producers guardedly optimistic regarding a reversal of long-term drought, and a return to better crop and pasture growing conditions. The increase in rainfall continued to provide relief to firefighters battling wildfires across the State. Containment of the Calf Canyon and Hermits Peak fire complex jumped to 85 percent by June 26, with growth limited to less than 500 acres during the week. Similarly, growth of the Black Fire was very limited during the week, and containment climbed to 70 percent. Reports from Grant and Luna Counties noted that despite the large boost in weekly moisture, many natural livestock water sources remained in less than adequate condition, forcing ranchers to continue to haul water to livestock. In Union County, comments indicated that range conditions still varied widely, from developing new growth to still dormant grass. Statewide, 71 percent of the pastures and ranges were reported in very poor or poor condition, compared with 72 percent last year and a 5-year average of 55 percent. While decreases were noted when compared with last week, supplemental feeding needs remained high, with 78 percent of the cattle herd and 75 percent of the sheep herd being fed. Topsoil moisture was reported as 90 percent very short to short, compared with 78 percent last year and a 5-year average of 73 percent. Producers worked around rain showers to make steady progress harvesting the first and second cuttings of alfalfa hay, as well as onions and winter wheat for grain during the week. Converted moisture totals during the past week ranged from more than 6 inches in portions of Catron, Cibola, Otero, and Socorro Counties to merely a trace in extreme southeastern New Mexico. Much of Lea County received rainfall totaling less than 5 percent of normal. Since January 1, yearly precipitation for many counties across the State remained below 3 inches, with the driest counties located in southeastern New Mexico, where precipitation has totaled 25 percent of normal or less, affecting large acreages of cotton, dry hay, and haylage, as well as large percentages of the cattle and sheep herds. According to the United States Drought Monitor for June 21, the spread of drought stabilized following last week’s boost in moisture. Approximately 90 percent of the State remains in the exceptional (D4) or extreme (D3) drought categories – 52.2 and 38.3 percent, respectively. Severe drought (D2) was categorized across 7.0 percent, and moderate drought (D1) was present across 2.6 percent. No hail damage was reported during the week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 12 percent light, 8 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 21 percent very short, 28 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 40 percent very short, 35 percent short, 24 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 40 percent very short, 25 percent short, and 35 percent adequate, compared with 61 percent very short, 10 percent short, 28 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last year.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested .....	97	90	NA	NA
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested.....	45	30	49	51
Corn				
Planted .....	93	91	NA	NA
Emerged .....	79	69	90	86
Cotton				
Emerged .....	89	70	87	84
Squaring .....	8	1	10	13
Onions				
Harvested .....	45	40	13	42
Peanuts				
Emerged .....	75	62	74	70
Pegging .....	4	NA	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Harvested for grain .....	44	36	42	51
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	78	85	80	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	75	81	79	NA

NA – not available  
(-) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork .....	6.3	6.7	6.6	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	52	59	50	40
Short .....	38	34	28	33
Adequate.....	10	7	20	25
Surplus.....	--	--	2	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	49	55	60	39
Short .....	43	40	31	40
Adequate.....	8	5	8	20
Surplus.....	--	--	1	1

NA – not available  
(--) – zero

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	1	--	4
Poor .....	12	8	9	6
Fair.....	35	38	45	27
Good .....	40	44	25	54
Excellent.....	12	9	21	9
Chile				
Very poor.....	4	4	2	1
Poor .....	13	13	7	5
Fair.....	28	30	18	37
Good .....	42	42	42	45
Excellent.....	13	11	31	12
Corn				
Very poor.....	4	4	1	3
Poor .....	6	6	4	5
Fair.....	40	47	47	46
Good .....	10	9	23	27
Excellent.....	40	34	25	19
Cotton				
Very poor.....	5	5	2	2
Poor .....	16	16	29	15
Fair.....	53	53	43	49
Good .....	23	23	17	28
Excellent.....	3	3	9	6
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor .....	--	1	--	NA
Fair.....	18	20	10	NA
Good .....	82	78	35	NA
Excellent.....	--	1	55	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	17	23	39	22
Poor .....	54	45	33	33
Fair.....	22	29	18	30
Good .....	6	3	8	13
Excellent.....	1	--	2	2
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	5	5	NA	NA
Poor .....	7	7	NA	NA
Fair.....	75	75	NA	NA
Good .....	13	13	NA	NA
Excellent.....	--	--	NA	NA
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	1
Poor .....	5	5	2	2
Fair.....	23	24	5	10
Good .....	31	30	93	71
Excellent.....	41	40	--	16
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	55	61	35	NA
Poor .....	20	22	24	NA
Fair.....	6	4	25	NA
Good .....	7	4	5	NA
Excellent.....	12	9	11	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	3	4	11	3
Poor .....	28	25	16	11
Fair.....	30	35	34	39
Good .....	23	29	30	39
Excellent.....	16	7	9	8
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	5	2	26	9
Poor .....	18	15	8	8
Fair.....	34	40	25	33
Good .....	40	42	41	48
Excellent.....	3	1	--	2

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(--) – zero