NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING JUNE 25, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: With year-to-date precipitation totals at or below normal at 20 of the 45 reporting weather stations and totals at the remaining 25 falling quickly, scorching temperatures continued to dominate the State during the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. While measurable moisture was recorded in most northeastern and southern locations, rainfall totals were short when compared with average, and did little to help alleviate the prolonged dryness evident in some areas. Comments from Grant and Luna Counties indicated that moisture was widespread; however, it immediately soaked into dry soils, and without a considerable amount of precipitation over the next few months, pastures will not provide adequate feed during the winter. Lake Roberts, at 1.37 inches, reported the largest moisture accumulation during the week. Triple-digit temperatures were recorded at 29 of the 45 reporting weather stations, with daytime highs ranging from 81 degrees at Angel Fire to 111 degrees at Acme. Reports from Dona Ana County indicated that milk production at several dairies declined as a result of the extremely hot conditions. Average temperatures ranged from normal to 11 degrees above average. Overnight lows varied from 34 degrees at Ocate to 69 degrees at Carlsbad. Statewide, topsoil moisture levels were reported as 37 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 38 percent last week, 28 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 23 percent. As the onion harvest surpassed the halfway point during the week, 84 percent of the crop was reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 92 percent last year. Hail ranging from pea-size to approximately 1 inch in diameter was noted in portions of the northeast. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 5 percent light, compared with 1 percent light last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 3 percent moderate and 14 percent light, compared with 2 percent moderate and 23 percent light last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 14 percent very short, 34 percent short, and 52 percent adequate, compared with 9 percent very short, 31 percent short, and 60 percent adequate last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1st cutting harvested	96	94	96	98
2nd cutting harvested	56	46	57	66
3rd cutting harvested	24	13	3	19
Corn				
Emerged	93	76	81	84
Cotton				
Planted	96	93	95	99
Emerged	83	75	87	NA
Squaring	7	--	9	23
Onions				
Harvested	55	48	39	56
Peanuts				
Planted	93	85	86	96
Emerged	82	73	60	NA
Sorghum				
Planted	73	64	82	78
Emerged	32	27	54	NA
Winter wheat				
Harvested for grain	77	48	61	49

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.6	7.0	6.7	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	22	16	12	44
Short	41	46	60	33
Adequate	36	37	27	23
Surplus	1	1	1	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	18	13	10	NA
Short	51	49	40	NA
Adequate	30	37	50	NA
Surplus	1	1	--	NA

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor	1	9	4	5
Fair	26	22	46	32
Good	69	68	42	48
Excellent	4	1	8	14
Chile				
Very poor	--	--	3	NA
Poor	3	2	12	NA
Fair	54	55	16	NA
Good	40	35	48	NA
Excellent	3	8	21	NA
Corn				
Very poor	1	1	--	2
Poor	3	1	--	3
Fair	40	41	31	33
Good	38	30	51	40
Excellent	18	27	18	22
Cotton				
Very poor	--	--	2	2
Poor	7	6	27	13
Fair	59	53	29	36
Good	32	35	33	31
Excellent	2	6	9	18
Onion				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	--	--	NA
Fair	16	16	8	NA
Good	69	55	45	NA
Excellent	15	29	47	NA
Pasture and range condition				
Very poor	7	4	2	32
Poor	24	29	18	26
Fair	45	40	48	24
Good	19	23	29	15
Excellent	5	4	3	3
Peanuts				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor	2	--	--	NA
Fair	61	61	100	NA
Good	37	39	--	NA
Excellent	--	--	--	NA
Pecan				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	--	1
Fair	4	3	9	19
Good	71	80	54	65
Excellent	25	17	37	15
Sorghum				
Very poor	--	--	--	15
Poor	7	9	--	10
Fair	58	60	72	34
Good	35	31	28	40
Excellent	--	--	--	1
Winter wheat				
Very poor	10	7	2	NA
Poor	15	14	16	NA
Fair	31	35	35	NA
Good	26	32	42	NA
Excellent	18	12	5	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	1	--	2	NA
Poor	4	1	3	NA
Fair	45	39	33	NA
Good	46	52	54	NA
Excellent	4	8	8	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	3	6	12	NA
Poor	8	9	11	NA
Fair	25	16	18	NA
Good	64	69	57	NA
Excellent	--	--	2	NA

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New Mexico's weather data can be accessed at the following:
http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/NM_Weather_06252017.pdf