NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING JUNE 5, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Despite below average temperatures in many areas across the State during the week, daytimes highs climbed above the century mark in several southwestern locations, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Daytime highs ranged from 78 degrees at Eagle Nest to 104 degrees at Redrock. Overnight lows varied from 31 degrees at Eagle Nest to 57 degrees at Carlsbad. Rainfall was abundant in the northeast, with all weather stations except Capulin and Pedernal reporting measurable moisture. Statewide, the largest precipitation accumulation, 4.02 inches, was reported at Clovis, followed by 2.19 inches at Clayton. Additionally, Conchas Dam, Ocate, Tucumcari, and Artesia reported over one inch of rainfall during the week. The largest year-to-date precipitation deficit had grown to -3.24 inches at Chama, while the largest surplus, 1.76 inches, was reported at Clayton. Despite the weather received in some areas, most producers continued their routine field and ranch work, with an uptick in cotton, hay grazer, and sorghum planting expected when saturated fields dry out. The spring lettuce harvest is virtually complete, and onion producers have harvested one-quarter of this year's crop. In Union County, livestock were branded, and culling continued to rid herds of older or open cows. Early-week rainfall slowed sorghum planting. Elsewhere in the northwest, minor flooding was reported in portions of Curry County; however the rainfall was beneficial for soil moisture levels in crop fields and pastures. Reporter comments from the southwest indicated that moisture in addition to what has been received in recent weeks was needed to prevent deterioration into a drought situation. Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 9 percent light. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 8 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 35 percent light and 5 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 8 percent very short, 17 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1st cutting harvested	75	65	71	86
2nd cutting harvested	12	3	25	29
Chile				
Emerged	92	89	100	NA
Corn				
Planted	88	80	88	87
Emerged	45	40	46	47
Cotton				
Planted	89	75	92	94
Emerged	74	65	61	NA
Onions				
Harvested	25	15	31	21
Peanuts				
Planted	62	50	60	63
Emerged	19	--	13	NA
Sorghum				
Planted	55	43	62	35
Emerged	2	--	24	NA
Spring lettuce				
Harvested	95	90	98	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed	97	94	100	93
Harvested	5	4	2	7

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	5.1	6.8	6.5	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	10	10	12	53
Short	52	52	33	26
Adequate	33	37	52	20
Surplus	5	1	3	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	9	9	11	NA
Short	34	34	24	NA
Adequate	57	56	65	NA
Surplus	--	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	--	--	--	2
Poor	4	2	2	5
Fair	45	47	22	30
Good	43	43	47	45
Excellent	8	8	29	18
Chile				
Very poor	3	5	--	NA
Poor	14	21	--	NA
Fair	25	16	19	NA
Good	38	35	59	NA
Excellent	20	23	22	NA
Cotton				
Very poor	2	3	--	5
Poor	30	37	--	16
Fair	27	21	24	32
Good	34	32	66	29
Excellent	7	7	10	10
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	--	--
Fair	6	6	2	16
Good	50	50	20	47
Excellent	44	44	78	37
Pasture and range				
Very poor	2	2	7	41
Poor	17	17	10	29
Fair	47	48	34	18
Good	30	29	39	10
Excellent	4	4	10	2
Pecans				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	6	6	--	1
Fair	10	10	14	28
Good	54	54	76	49
Excellent	30	30	10	22
Winter wheat				
Very poor	2	3	1	NA
Poor	20	20	8	NA
Fair	35	35	49	NA
Good	41	40	24	NA
Excellent	2	2	18	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	2	2	1	NA
Poor	3	3	3	NA
Fair	34	36	26	NA
Good	54	53	63	NA
Excellent	7	6	7	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	12	13	16	NA
Poor	11	12	19	NA
Fair	18	18	14	NA
Good	57	55	49	NA
Excellent	2	2	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/2016/NM_Weather_06052016.pdf