

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 12, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warmer than normal temperatures blanketed the State as summer fast approached, with 10 weather stations recording daytime highs of 100 degrees or more, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Daytime highs ranged from 81 degrees at Eagle Nest to 103 degrees at Antelope Wells. Overnight lows remained above freezing, varying from 35 degrees at Eagle Nest to 67 degrees at Deming. Trace amounts of rainfall were evident virtually Statewide. The largest rainfall accumulation was reported at Ocate, where 1.49 inches fell. Bitter Lakes reported the only other total over one inch. The warm temperatures allowed for better emergence of corn, cotton, peanuts, and sorghum. This year’s onion harvest was 30 percent complete, well behind last year’s pace, but in line with normal. With virtually all of the crop emerged, chile condition was rated 65 percent good to excellent, compared with 81 percent last year. Reporter comments from Union County suggest that hot temperatures coupled with high winds had accelerated wheat maturity, and that producers were gearing up for the start of harvest. Dry conditions in Dona Ana County have negatively affected not only pasture grass, but also some row crop acreage. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 8 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 34 percent light and 5 percent moderate. 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				
1 st cutting harvested.....	85	75	81	93
2 nd cutting harvested.....	27	12	37	45
Chile				
Emerged	95	92	100	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	90	88	94	93
Emerged	55	45	57	63
Cotton				
Planted.....	92	89	95	99
Emerged	81	74	69	NA
Onions				
Harvested.....	30	25	46	32
Peanuts				
Planted.....	74	62	79	84
Emerged	43	19	33	NA
Sorghum				
Planted.....	65	55	76	49
Emerged	25	2	31	NA
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	17	5	16	19

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	5.1	5.8	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	10	10	14	54
Short	52	52	31	26
Adequate	33	33	52	19
Surplus	5	5	3	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	9	11	NA
Short	34	34	24	NA
Adequate	57	57	65	NA
Surplus	--	--	--	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	4	2	4
Fair.....	45	45	22	32
Good	43	43	47	44
Excellent	8	8	29	18
Chile				
Very poor	3	3	--	NA
Poor.....	12	14	--	NA
Fair.....	20	25	19	NA
Good	44	38	59	NA
Excellent	21	20	22	NA
Corn				
Very poor	--	NA	--	2
Poor.....	--	NA	--	4
Fair.....	33	NA	9	44
Good	42	NA	52	31
Excellent	25	NA	39	19
Cotton				
Very poor	2	2	--	4
Poor.....	28	30	--	17
Fair.....	27	27	30	31
Good	34	34	60	33
Excellent	9	7	10	15
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	6	6	2	22
Good	50	50	20	42
Excellent	44	44	78	36
Pasture and range				
Very poor	2	2	7	37
Poor.....	17	17	8	30
Fair.....	47	47	34	20
Good	31	30	41	11
Excellent	3	4	10	2
Pecans				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	6	6	--	1
Fair.....	9	10	14	26
Good	48	54	76	56
Excellent	37	30	10	17
Winter wheat				
Very poor	2	2	1	45
Poor.....	20	20	8	14
Fair.....	35	35	49	26
Good	41	41	23	8
Excellent	2	2	19	7
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	2	2	1	NA
Poor.....	3	3	3	NA
Fair.....	34	34	25	NA
Good	54	54	64	NA
Excellent	7	7	7	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	12	12	16	NA
Poor.....	11	11	19	NA
Fair.....	18	18	14	NA
Good	57	57	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_06122016.pdf