

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION  
WEEK ENDING JUNE 27, 2021

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Growing conditions across the State remained troublesome for most producers as high temperatures and below average rainfall continued to dominate the State, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. For some areas, a forecasted cold front was expected to bring cooler temperatures and increased chances for rainfall. Statewide, 72 percent of the State’s pastures and rangelands were reported in very poor or poor condition, compared with 68 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 44 percent. Growers stayed busy harvesting alfalfa, triticale and wheat hays, as well as winter wheat for grain. The State’s onion harvest was well underway. Livestock were still being supplemented with hay and minerals to help offset the reduction in pasture grass quality and quantity. During the past week, converted moisture totals ranged from approximately 3 inches to merely a trace. Rainfall was more widespread, although total accumulations were well below average in most locations. According to the United States Drought Monitor for June 22, drought-free conditions existed across an area equal to 1.0 percent of the State. Comments from the area continued to note that visually, drought was still present. Abnormal dryness decreased to cover 4.9 percent of the State. Moderate drought (D1) increased, and was present across 6.6 percent of New Mexico lands, while severe drought (D2) remained across 24.4 percent. Slight changes were evident in extreme (D3) and exceptional (D4) drought, with 31.2 and 31.8 percent of the State classified in the two categories, respectively. Collectively, about 76,659 square miles were still affected by extreme and exceptional drought. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 78 percent short to very short, compared with 86 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 72 percent. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 7 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 20 percent light, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 40 percent very short, 35 percent short, 24 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 4 percent very short, 42 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 61 percent very short, 10 percent short, 28 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 23 percent very short, 40 percent short, and 37 percent adequate last year.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	50	45	46	54
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested.....	2	NA	16	NA
Corn				
Emerged .....	91	84	71	85
Cotton				
Emerged .....	88	79	79	85
Squaring.....	10	7	16	15
Onions				
Harvested .....	15	3	47	51
Peanuts				
Emerged .....	77	57	96	70
Winter wheat				
Harvested .....	43	33	62	58
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed .....	80	82	76	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed .....	79	82	64	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 .....	6.6	6.9	6.6	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	50	45	50	32
Short.....	28	30	36	40
Adequate.....	20	24	14	26
Surplus.....	2	1	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	60	55	50	29
Short.....	31	35	40	42
Adequate.....	8	10	10	28
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 .....	--	--	5	4
Poor .....	9	5	7	5
Fair.....	45	40	26	26
Good.....	25	30	58	59
Excellent .....	21	25	4	6
Chile				
Very poor .....	2	2	--	1
Poor .....	7	7	4	6
Fair.....	18	17	49	37
Good.....	42	40	45	46
Excellent .....	31	34	2	10
Corn				
Very poor .....	1	1	3	3
Poor .....	4	2	3	5
Fair.....	47	42	55	43
Good.....	23	32	13	32
Excellent .....	25	23	26	17
Cotton				
Very poor .....	2	2	--	2
Poor .....	29	29	16	15
Fair.....	43	41	58	46
Good.....	17	18	25	30
Excellent .....	9	10	1	7
Onions				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	NA
Poor .....	--	--	4	NA
Fair.....	10	10	23	NA
Good.....	35	35	34	NA
Excellent .....	55	55	39	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	39	31	32	15
Poor .....	33	32	36	29
Fair.....	18	20	27	36
Good.....	8	12	5	18
Excellent .....	2	5	--	2
Pecans				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	1
Poor .....	2	1	1	1
Fair.....	5	1	14	11
Good.....	93	98	70	62
Excellent .....	--	--	15	25
Winter wheat				
Very poor .....	35	30	NA	NA
Poor .....	24	28	NA	NA
Fair.....	25	30	NA	NA
Good.....	5	9	NA	NA
Excellent .....	11	3	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor .....	11	7	2	2
Poor .....	16	15	10	8
Fair.....	34	36	42	37
Good.....	30	37	38	45
Excellent .....	9	5	8	8
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor .....	26	20	10	6
Poor .....	8	8	10	8
Fair.....	25	30	32	32
Good.....	41	42	48	51
Excellent .....	--	--	--	3
NA – not available				
(--)-- zero				