

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 19, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: With temperatures soaring across the southwestern United States, 19 out of the 45 reporting weather stations in New Mexico recorded daytime highs at or above the century mark during the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Average temperatures varied from 2 degrees below to 8 degrees above normal. Daytime highs ranged from 91 degrees at Eagle Nest, El Vado Dam, and Taos, to 108 degrees at Redrock. Overnight lows varied from 28 degrees at Eagle Nest to 64 degrees at Truth or Consequences. Much of the State was dry during the week, with measurable rainfall reported at just 12 weather stations. The largest rainfall accumulation was reported at Pasamonte, where 1.13 inches fell. The continued warm temperatures and drier conditions provided time for row crop producers to wind down planting activities for most crops, and allowed for better emergence of corn, cotton, peanuts, and sorghum. Conversely, the hot temperatures and high winds degraded some native pastures, increasing the need for substantial rainfall to boost grass growth and keep livestock from seeking their feedstuffs from detrimental sources such as loco weed. Reporter comments from Union County suggest that wheat harvest should be most active within two weeks, and producers seem to think that most of the crop is in good condition. Rain in Curry County provided ideal growing conditions for newly planted crops. Livestock in the area were reported in good condition thanks to plentiful grasslands. Dry conditions in Dona Ana County negatively affected pasture grass, but reports indicated good weather for row crops. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 35 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.....	89	85	89	97
2 nd cutting harvested.....	39	27	45	58
Corn				
Planted.....	93	90	98	98
Emerged	74	55	72	77
Cotton				
Planted.....	94	92	98	100
Emerged	85	81	82	NA
Squaring	1	NA	6	18
Onions				
Harvested.....	36	30	61	45
Peanuts				
Planted.....	81	74	92	94
Emerged	55	43	55	NA
Sorghum				
Planted.....	71	65	91	68
Emerged	33	25	36	NA
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	40	17	34	37

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	6.6	6.7	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	11	10	15	52
Short.....	58	52	32	29
Adequate	31	33	52	19
Surplus	--	5	1	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	10	9	11	NA
Short.....	39	34	24	NA
Adequate	51	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	3	5
Fair.....	45	45	21	32
Good	43	43	45	45
Excellent	8	8	31	16
Chile				
Very poor	3	3	--	NA
Poor.....	12	12	--	NA
Fair.....	14	20	18	NA
Good	50	44	60	NA
Excellent	21	21	22	NA
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	--	--	--	4
Fair.....	31	33	9	39
Good	51	42	52	32
Excellent	18	25	39	23
Cotton				
Very poor	2	2	--	3
Poor.....	27	28	--	14
Fair.....	28	27	37	32
Good	34	34	53	35
Excellent	9	9	10	16
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Fair.....	6	6	NA	NA
Good	43	50	NA	NA
Excellent	51	44	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	2	2	7	38
Poor.....	18	17	8	31
Fair.....	48	47	34	18
Good	30	31	38	10
Excellent	2	3	13	3
Pecans				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	6	--	1
Fair.....	9	9	14	25
Good	53	48	76	59
Excellent	37	37	10	15
Winter wheat				
Very poor	2	2	1	46
Poor.....	17	20	8	10
Fair.....	40	35	47	28
Good	39	41	23	9
Excellent	2	2	21	7
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	2	2	1	NA
Poor.....	3	3	3	NA
Fair.....	34	34	24	NA
Good	54	54	63	NA
Excellent	7	7	9	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	12	12	16	NA
Poor.....	11	11	19	NA
Fair.....	18	18	13	NA
Good	57	57	49	NA
Excellent	2	2	3	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_06192016.pdf