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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE16, 2002

NEW MEXICO: There were 6.9 days suitable for field work. Wind damage was 31% light and 18% moderate with no damage to 51% of the crops. Farmers are weeding, irrigating, harvesting, planting, and spraying for insects. Hay prices have increased dramatically in the north reflecting the water shortage that continues across the state. Crops that are getting sufficient water are progressing normally and those that aren't show signs of having very low yields. Irrigated sorghum was 85% planted and dryland was 7% planted. Both cotton and corn were in mostly fair to good condition with cotton squaring at 18%. Hail was reported in the east central part of the state causing severe damage to some of the cotton crop. Chile was in fair to excellent condition. Alfalfa was in mostly poor to good condition, with the 1st cutting 83% complete, 2nd 55% complete and the 3rd 13% complete. Wheat was in mostly very poor to fair condition with 20% of the crop harvested. Onions were in mostly good to excellent condition with 48% harvested. Most of the dry land wheat crop is being used for hay before it is completely lost due to lack of moisture. Peanuts were reported at 94% planted with pegging at 20%, emerging in mostly fair condition. Ranchers continue to cull their herds, many down to only half of their normal breeding stock. Water shortages become more and more critical everyday. There are reports that horses are being given away, because individuals can't afford to feed them. Pasture and range feed conditions continue to decline and were reported as 67% very poor, 23% poor, 8% fair, and 2% good.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
PLANTED	Peanuts	94	84	91	58
	Sorghum (Total)	37	20	80	70
SQUARING	Cotton	18	4	19	23
HARVESTED	Onions	38	35	22	26
	Wheat	48	20	20	27

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	7	13	43	27	10
Apples	43	46	9	2	--
Chile	--	--	20	60	20
Corn	2	7	64	25	2
Cotton	--	7	62	17	14
Irr. Sorghum	--	4	85	10	1
Onions	--	--	20	35	45
Peanuts	--	--	89	11	--
Wheat (All)	42	24	25	9	--
Cattle	13	23	35	29	--

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	78	22	--	--
Northeast	70	25	5	--
Southwest	100	--	--	--
Southeast	66	9	25	--
State	74	17	9	--
State-Last Year	32	31	37	--
State-5-Yr Avg.	22	29	48	1

WEATHER SUMMARY

New Mexico experienced another week of above normal temperatures, with a statewide average of 5 degrees above normal. Afternoon readings topped 100 degrees at most low-elevation locations in the east and south on several days. Carlsbad reached 108 degrees on the 13th. Scattered thunderstorms provided some precipitation over roughly the eastern half of the state.

New Mexico Weather Conditions June 10-16, 2002

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	06/10 06/16	06/01 06/16	Normal Jun	01/01 06/16	Normal Jan-Jun
Carlsbad	84.4	108	62	0.20	0.00	1.30	2.86	3.95
Tatum	79.0	101	58	0.91	0.00	2.03	5.41	6.17
Roswell	83.9	106	63	0.55	0.01	1.52	4.09	4.75
Clayton	74.1	97	54	0.14	0.00	2.27	1.43	6.30
Clovis	79.7	100	61	0.18	0.00	2.84	2.25	7.01
Roy	---	---	---	0.00	0.00	2.08	0.95	6.06
Tucumcari	80.7	102	56	0.07	0.00	1.78	2.19	5.27
Chama	60.1	84	35	0.00	0.00	1.12	2.01	8.84
Johnson Ranch	66.5	90	39	0.00	0.00	0.68	0.92	3.77
Capulin	66.9	89	44	0.57	0.03	2.11	3.22	7.27
Las Vegas	68.6	90	47	0.01	0.01	1.92	0.52	5.76
Los Alamos	65.2	87	---	0.00	0.00	1.36	1.06	6.41
Raton	67.2	92	46	0.98	0.00	1.99	2.06	7.16
Santa Fe	71.1	94	45	0.00	0.03	1.17	1.45	5.26
Red River	58.7	80	33	0.24	0.00	1.40	3.86	8.92
Farmington	70.9	96	46	0.00	0.00	0.22	0.51	3.37
Gallup	65.8	93	37	0.00	0.00	0.45	1.05	4.19
Grants	67.9	93	37	0.00	0.00	0.55	1.61	3.03
Silver City	75.6	95	54	0.00	0.00	0.70	0.00	4.90
Quemado	63.2	92	37	T	0.00	0.74	0.72	4.19
Albuquerque	78.4	96	60	0.07	0.00	0.59	0.87	3.05
Carrizozo	76.4	98	51	0.00	0.00	0.78	1.93	3.50
Gran Quivera	73.9	94	51	0.20	0.00	1.01	0.96	4.71
Moriarty	71.8	97	48	0.18	0.00	0.92	1.73	3.99
Ruidoso	69.6	90	47	0.36	0.00	1.86	2.01	6.97
Socorro	77.6	99	50	0.16	0.00	0.57	0.79	2.50
Alamogordo	81.8	100	63	0.00	0.00	0.90	0.00	3.28
Animas	79.9	102	52	0.00	0.00	0.44	1.28	2.48
Deming	82.2	103	59	0.00	0.00	0.55	1.30	2.28
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Las Cruces	81.9	104	60	0.00	0.00	0.72	1.29	2.27

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction

All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.