

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING JUNE 18, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Hot, mostly dry weather coupled with strong winds has led to the rapid deterioration of many pastures and range lands, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Additionally, the demand for irrigation water increased dramatically in several areas as soil moisture levels were quickly depleted. Comments from Union County indicated that livestock producers were busy hauling water to their cattle because the windmills were not able to keep up with the conditions. Average temperatures ranged from 5 degrees below to 9 degrees above average. Daytime highs ranged from 82 degrees at Angel Fire to 115 degrees at Acme. In total, 22 of the 45 reporting weather stations recorded daytime highs at or above the century mark. Overnight lows varied from 26 degrees at Angel Fire to 63 degrees at Carlsbad. Rainfall was not reported at any weather stations during the week. Statewide, topsoil moisture levels were reported as 38 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 44 percent last week, 31 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 25 percent. With the first cutting nearly completion and the third cutting just beginning to gain speed, alfalfa conditions were reported as 69 percent good to excellent, compared with 79 percent last week, 51 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 59 percent. While not specific, reports from Dona Ana County noted that heavy rainfall and some hail resulted in crop damage in the valley, as well as the southern part of the county. Hail damage in all crops was reported 1 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 2 percent moderate and 23 percent light. Stock water supplies were reported as 9 percent very short, 31 percent short, and 60 percent adequate.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	94	90	88	94
2 nd cutting harvested.....	46	40	37	48
3 rd cutting harvested	13	NA	--	11
Chile				
Emerged	95	94	98	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	99	90	93	96
Emerged	76	61	71	70
Cotton				
Planted.....	93	91	94	98
Emerged	75	69	84	NA
Onions				
Harvested.....	48	33	35	44
Peanuts				
Planted.....	85	74	80	88
Emerged	73	63	53	NA
Sorghum				
Planted.....	64	40	70	65
Emerged	27	10	32	NA
Winter wheat				
Harvested for grain.....	48	44	37	31

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	7.0	6.5	6.6	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	16	15	11	40
Short	46	41	58	35
Adequate	37	43	31	25
Surplus	1	1	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	13	13	10	NA
Short	49	49	39	NA
Adequate	37	37	51	NA
Surplus	1	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.....	9	8	4	5
Fair.....	22	13	45	34
Good	68	77	43	43
Excellent	1	2	8	16
Chile				
Very poor	--	--	3	NA
Poor.....	2	4	12	NA
Fair.....	55	59	14	NA
Good	35	26	50	NA
Excellent	8	11	21	NA
Corn				
Very poor	1	1	--	2
Poor.....	1	2	--	3
Fair.....	41	50	31	31
Good	30	24	51	40
Excellent	27	23	18	24
Cotton				
Very poor	--	--	2	2
Poor.....	6	2	27	14
Fair.....	53	62	28	33
Good	35	33	34	34
Excellent	6	3	9	17
Onion				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	16	22	6	NA
Good	55	48	43	NA
Excellent	29	30	51	NA
Pasture and range condition				
Very poor	4	8	2	28
Poor.....	29	27	18	28
Fair.....	40	38	48	25
Good	23	23	30	16
Excellent	4	4	2	3
Peanuts				
Very poor	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Fair.....	61	59	NA	NA
Good	39	41	NA	NA
Excellent	--	--	NA	NA
Pecan				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	1	1
Fair.....	3	3	9	21
Good	80	89	53	57
Excellent	17	8	37	21
Sorghum				
Very poor	--	5	--	13
Poor.....	9	10	--	11
Fair.....	60	60	70	33
Good	31	15	30	43
Excellent	--	10	--	--
Winter wheat				
Very poor	7	2	2	37
Poor.....	14	15	17	10
Fair.....	35	44	40	31
Good	32	36	39	15
Excellent	12	3	2	7
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	--	2	2	NA
Poor.....	1	3	3	NA
Fair.....	39	36	34	NA
Good	52	53	54	NA
Excellent	8	6	7	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	6	15	12	NA
Poor.....	9	15	11	NA
Fair.....	16	10	18	NA
Good	69	60	57	NA
Excellent	--	--	2	NA

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