

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 17, 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Considerable rainfall was welcomed in many areas during the week, with accumulations climbing to 400 percent or more above average throughout the western half of the State, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. While helpful, a tremendous amount of additional moisture is needed to bring New Mexico out of the various stages of drought that are entrenched across the State. As noted by comments from Grant and Luna Counties, the moisture that fell was quickly absorbed, and dust was blowing by the afternoon. The United States Drought Monitor released on June 14 categorized exceptional drought (D4) across 18.2 percent of New Mexico, unchanged from the previous week. Severe to extreme drought (D2-D3) was now reportedly covering 74.2 percent of the State. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse blanketed 99.9 percent of New Mexico. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 30 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 23 percent last week, 38 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 31 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 7 percent good to excellent, compared with 6 percent last week, 27 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 24 percent. Several wildfires, most of which were triggered by lightening, were still burning across the State. Precipitation was recorded at 40 out of 43 reporting weather stations, with Capulin, at 2.31 inches, reporting the largest accumulation during the week. Albuquerque, Artesia, Cloudcroft, Mountainair, and Truth or Consequences also reported moisture totals over one inch. Average temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below to 8 degrees above normal. Daytime highs varied from 82 degrees at Los Alamos to 107 degrees at Carlsbad. Overnight lows ranged from 29 degrees at El Vado Dam to 64 degrees at Carlsbad, Conchas Dam, and Roswell. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent light and 1 percent moderate, compared with 2 percent light last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 5 percent light and 7 percent moderate, compared with 5 percent light, 5 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe last week. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 31 percent very short, 31 percent short, and 38 percent adequate, compared with 37 percent very short, 23 percent short, and 40 percent adequate last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 36 percent very short, 18 percent short, and 46 percent adequate, compared with 34 percent very short, 20 percent short, and 46 percent adequate last week.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested.....	96	84	93	92
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested.....	46	32	45	40
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	98	94	98	95
Emerged.....	91	80	74	66
Cotton				
Emerged.....	88	80	74	NA
Squaring.....	2	--	--	9
Onions				
Harvested.....	32	14	46	42
Peanuts				
Planted.....	81	52	83	85
Emerged.....	25	6	72	NA
Sorghum				
Planted.....	72	62	61	62
Emerged.....	60	50	25	NA
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	28	18	47	30
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	78	82	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	75	83	NA	NA

NA – not available

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### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.4	6.8	7.0	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	40	50	16	31
Short.....	30	27	46	38
Adequate.....	30	23	37	31
Surplus.....	--	--	1	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	40	40	13	NA
Short.....	47	40	49	NA
Adequate.....	13	20	37	NA
Surplus.....	--	--	1	NA

NA – not available

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**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>				
Very poor.....	15	15	--	1
Poor.....	1	3	9	5
Fair.....	25	18	22	33
Good.....	55	63	68	47
Excellent.....	4	1	1	14
<b>Chile</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	5	9	2	NA
Fair.....	17	10	55	NA
Good.....	52	61	35	NA
Excellent.....	26	20	8	NA
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	1	3	1	2
Poor.....	5	9	1	2
Fair.....	43	34	41	32
Good.....	32	33	30	40
Excellent.....	19	21	27	24
<b>Cotton</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	11	14	6	11
Fair.....	47	43	53	37
Good.....	35	35	35	36
Excellent.....	7	8	6	15
<b>Onions</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	16	16	16	NA
Good.....	50	50	55	NA
Excellent.....	34	34	29	NA
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	20	22	4	20
Poor.....	45	45	29	25
Fair.....	28	27	40	31
Good.....	7	4	23	20
Excellent.....	--	2	4	4
<b>Pecans</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	4	4	3	21
Good.....	96	96	80	60
Excellent.....	--	--	17	19
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	10
Poor.....	1	1	9	5
Fair.....	49	44	60	36
Good.....	47	52	31	49
Excellent.....	3	3	--	--
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	38	33	7	24
Poor.....	29	30	14	13
Fair.....	15	10	35	31
Good.....	10	14	32	22
Excellent.....	8	13	12	10
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	3	3	--	NA
Poor.....	19	17	1	NA
Fair.....	39	37	39	NA
Good.....	34	39	52	NA
Excellent.....	5	4	8	NA
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	10	14	6	NA
Poor.....	3	3	9	NA
Fair.....	45	44	16	NA
Good.....	37	35	69	NA
Excellent.....	5	4	--	NA

NA – not available

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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/2018/NM-Weather-06172018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/NM-Weather-06172018.pdf)

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