

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 13, 2021

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Beneficial rains continued during the week; however, the area covered was reduced, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Most western counties continued to miss out of meaningful rainfall. Statewide, 61 percent of the State's pastures and rangelands were reported in very poor or poor condition, compared with 48 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 42 percent. Comments from several locations indicated that a more widespread rain pattern was needed to truly improve pasture grass and non-irrigated crop conditions. Reports from Curry County noted that the improvement seen in range grasses has not been significant enough to halt cattle herd reductions or, in some cases, total dispersals. In Union County, comments suggested that some acreage typically planted to corn was being planted to sorghum this year, most likely because of the drought tolerant qualities of sorghum. Additionally, more winter wheat was being baled for hay rather than harvested for grain. During the past week, converted moisture totals ranged from approximately 5 inches to merely a trace. Most of the State was dry. The heaviest precipitation totals were evident in isolated areas of several eastern counties. According to the United States Drought Monitor released June 10, a meaningful drought-free area, equal to 2.1 percent of the State, was introduced for the first time since July 2020. This area was confined to portions of Colfax, Taos, and Union Counties. With the continued rainfall, abnormal dryness increased to cover 4.5 percent of the State. Moderate drought (D1) was present across 4.6 percent of New Mexico lands, while severe drought (D2) increased to cover 24.1 percent. As moisture levels improved, more land was moved out of extreme (D3) and exceptional drought (D4), with these areas accounting for 31.5 and 33.3 percent of the State, respectively. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 75 percent short to very short, compared with 80 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 68 percent. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 10 percent light, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 13 percent light, 4 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 32 percent very short, 39 percent short, 28 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 10 percent very short, 39 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 50 percent very short, 20 percent short, 29 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 23 percent very short, 30 percent short, 46 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last year.

### 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 .....	95	90	90	88
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	25	15	35	35
Chile				
Emerged .....	96	91	91	NA
Corn				
Planted .....	98	84	86	91
Emerged .....	70	55	64	67
Cotton				
Planted .....	84	79	89	93
Emerged .....	65	57	73	74
Squaring .....	1	NA	2	1
Onions				
Emerged .....	95	92	NA	NA
Harvested .....	1	NA	20	25
Peanuts				
Planted .....	77	60	NA	NA
Emerged .....	35	20	78	45
Winter wheat				
Harvested .....	17	2	30	25
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed .....	81	83	76	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed .....	87	78	56	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	5.9	6.7	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	40	40	45	27
Short .....	35	35	35	41
Adequate .....	22	22	20	32
Surplus .....	3	3	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	49	49	44	25
Short .....	40	40	39	43
Adequate .....	10	10	17	32
Surplus .....	1	1	--	--

NA – not available  
 (–) – zero

**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 .....	1	1	2	4
Poor .....	10	14	4	5
Fair.....	35	31	25	28
Good.....	35	35	58	57
Excellent .....	19	19	11	6
<b>Chile</b>				
Very poor .....	2	2	--	1
Poor .....	8	8	1	4
Fair.....	20	20	42	33
Good.....	44	44	46	49
Excellent .....	26	26	11	13
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor .....	1	1	--	1
Poor .....	4	11	1	3
Fair.....	37	28	60	46
Good.....	30	35	19	32
Excellent .....	28	25	20	18
<b>Cotton</b>				
Very poor .....	2	NA	--	1
Poor .....	29	NA	6	12
Fair.....	41	NA	62	45
Good.....	18	NA	28	35
Excellent .....	10	NA	4	7
<b>Onions</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor .....	--	--	4	2
Fair.....	16	10	8	11
Good.....	37	35	41	45
Excellent .....	47	55	47	42
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor .....	26	21	17	10
Poor .....	35	38	31	32
Fair.....	23	24	39	38
Good.....	10	8	13	18
Excellent .....	6	9	--	2
<b>Pecans</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	1	--
Poor .....	3	4	5	2
Fair.....	6	7	18	12
Good.....	91	88	62	60
Excellent .....	--	1	14	26
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor .....	35	40	--	9
Poor .....	25	23	21	19
Fair.....	25	24	55	34
Good.....	5	2	15	30
Excellent .....	10	11	9	8
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor .....	7	3	2	2
Poor .....	19	18	10	9
Fair.....	35	41	40	37
Good.....	33	29	36	44
Excellent .....	6	9	12	8
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor .....	15	12	1	6
Poor .....	10	14	14	11
Fair.....	35	40	28	33
Good.....	37	34	57	48
Excellent .....	3	--	--	2

NA – not available

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