

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 20, 2021

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Following some improvements in recent weeks, high temperatures and below average rainfall dominated the State during the week which resulted in the rapid decline of pasture grasses, available soil moisture, and some crop conditions, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Additionally, grasshopper pressure added to the negative growing conditions in Union County. Statewide, 63 percent of the State's pastures and rangelands were reported in very poor or poor condition, compared with 59 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 44 percent. In several areas, reports indicated that a larger than normal amount of winter wheat acreage was being harvested for hay or silage as opposed to grain due to depleted hay supplies and poor grazing conditions. In Curry County, hot, dry, windy weather left fieldwork activities, crop emergence, and crop development progressing slowly. During the past week, converted moisture totals ranged from approximately 3 inches to merely a trace. About half of the State was dry. According to the United States Drought Monitor released June 17, drought-free conditions existed across an area equal to 2.0 percent of the State, although comments from producers in the area noted that visually, soils were still dry and pasture grass was still in bad shape. Abnormal dryness increased to cover 5.4 percent of the State. Moderate drought (D1) was present across 4.3 percent of New Mexico lands, while severe drought (D2) remained across 24.2 percent. Negligible changes were evident in extreme (D3) and exceptional (D4) drought, with 30.9 and 33.3 percent of the State classified in the two categories, respectively. Collectively, about 78,020 square miles were still affected by extreme and exceptional drought. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 75 percent short to very short, compared with 86 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 75 percent. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 5 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 15 percent light, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 31 percent very short, 37 percent short, 31 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 10 percent very short, 45 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 55 percent very short, 17 percent short, 27 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 32 percent very short, 31 percent short, and 37 percent adequate last year.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	45	25	40	44
Corn				
Emerged .....	84	70	67	77
Cotton				
Planted .....	95	84	93	NA
Emerged .....	79	65	77	80
Squaring .....	7	1	5	5
Onions				
Harvested .....	3	1	28	36
Peanuts				
Planted .....	95	77	NA	NA
Emerged .....	57	35	87	57
Winter wheat				
Harvested .....	33	17	44	39
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed .....	82	81	75	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed .....	82	87	61	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 .....	6.9	6.6	6.8	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	45	40	59	33
Short .....	30	35	27	42
Adequate .....	24	22	14	24
Surplus .....	1	3	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	55	49	59	32
Short .....	35	40	31	41
Adequate .....	10	10	10	27
Surplus .....	--	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)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor .....	--	1	1	3
Poor .....	5	10	4	4
Fair.....	40	35	33	30
Good.....	30	35	49	55
Excellent .....	25	19	13	8
Chile				
Very poor .....	2	2	--	1
Poor .....	7	8	5	6
Fair.....	17	20	51	36
Good.....	40	44	40	46
Excellent .....	34	26	4	11
Corn				
Very poor .....	1	1	--	1
Poor .....	2	4	1	3
Fair.....	42	37	57	43
Good.....	32	30	13	34
Excellent .....	23	28	29	19
Cotton				
Very poor .....	2	2	--	1
Poor .....	29	29	12	16
Fair.....	41	41	53	44
Good.....	18	18	34	33
Excellent .....	10	10	1	6
Onions				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor .....	--	--	4	2
Fair.....	10	16	8	12
Good.....	35	37	40	49
Excellent .....	55	47	48	37
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	31	26	24	13
Poor .....	32	35	35	31
Fair.....	20	23	36	39
Good.....	12	10	5	15
Excellent .....	5	6	--	2
Pecans				
Very poor .....	--	--	2	--
Poor .....	1	3	6	2
Fair.....	1	6	19	12
Good.....	98	91	61	61
Excellent .....	--	--	12	25
Winter wheat				
Very poor .....	30	35	--	10
Poor .....	28	25	30	21
Fair.....	30	25	53	33
Good.....	9	5	13	28
Excellent .....	3	10	4	8
Cattle and calves				
Very poor .....	7	7	8	3
Poor .....	15	19	9	10
Fair.....	36	35	43	39
Good.....	37	33	29	41
Excellent .....	5	6	11	7
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor .....	20	15	1	5
Poor .....	8	10	9	10
Fair.....	30	35	35	35
Good.....	42	37	55	48
Excellent .....	--	3	--	2

NA – not available

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