

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 1, 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Scorching daytime highs were recorded across much of New Mexico last week, with numerous locations reaching past the 100 degree temperature mark, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Scattered precipitation was received last week, helping some crop conditions improve, but much more is needed to reverse the dryness that continues to hurt the State. The United States Drought Monitor released on June 28 categorized exceptional drought (D4) across 18.0 percent of New Mexico, equal to last week. Severe to extreme drought (D2-D3) was now reportedly covering 68.5 percent of the State. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse was 98.6 percent of New Mexico, with expansion of an area along the southern border with Mexico into drought-free classification. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 15 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 13 percent last week, 52 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 33 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 7 percent good to excellent, compared with 5 percent last week, 25 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 24 percent. Comments from San Juan County noted that range conditions were poor and water availability was low. In Union county there were multiple reports of stressed range land conditions resulting in the feeding of livestock. Wheat in Union County looked to be in good condition and was being harvested. Precipitation was recorded at 11 out of 43 reporting weather stations, with Deming, at 1.84 inches, reporting the largest accumulation during the week. Cloudcroft also reported moisture totals over one inch. Average temperatures ranged from 6 degrees below to 10 degrees above normal. Daytime highs varied from 81 degrees at Cloudcroft to 109 degrees at Carlsbad. Overnight lows ranged from 24 degrees at El Vado Dam to 69 degrees at Carlsbad. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 3 percent light, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe, compared with 3 percent light, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 8 percent light and 16 percent moderate, compared with 8 percent light, 10 percent moderate, and 2 percent severe last week. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 30 percent very short, 33 percent short, 36 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus, compared with 35 percent very short, 30 percent short, and 35 percent adequate last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 39 percent very short, 20 percent short, and 41 percent adequate, compared with 36 percent very short, 20 percent short, and 44 percent adequate last week.

### 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 .....	63	54	60	67
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested .....	25	13	45	34
Cotton				
Emerged .....	92	90	91	NA
Squaring .....	20	7	29	29
Onions				
Harvested.....	72	50	78	70
Peanuts				
Planted.....	97	91	96	98
Emerged .....	65	40	90	NA
Sorghum				
Planted.....	100	80	79	83
Emerged .....	99	70	53	NA
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	65	38	90	64
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	75	82	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	83	78	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 .....	6.8	6.9	5.8	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	51	49	16	31
Short.....	34	38	32	36
Adequate .....	15	13	45	31
Surplus .....	--	--	7	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	46	49	12	NA
Short.....	39	38	49	NA
Adequate .....	15	13	37	NA
Surplus .....	--	--	2	NA

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.....	15	15	1	1
Poor .....	4	2	3	3
Fair.....	17	17	26	27
Good .....	59	60	66	53
Excellent.....	5	6	4	16
<b>Chile</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	NA
Poor .....	10	5	5	NA
Fair.....	22	21	58	NA
Good .....	44	49	31	NA
Excellent.....	24	25	5	NA
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	3	1	7	2
Poor .....	5	3	11	3
Fair.....	40	35	37	27
Good .....	33	41	35	47
Excellent.....	19	20	10	21
<b>Cotton</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	7	2
Poor .....	14	20	4	8
Fair.....	54	46	60	36
Good .....	26	26	26	33
Excellent.....	6	8	3	21
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	18	19	7	19
Poor .....	48	49	22	24
Fair.....	27	27	46	33
Good .....	7	5	21	20
Excellent.....	--	--	4	4
<b>Pecans</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	1
Poor .....	--	--	3	1
Fair.....	2	4	6	19
Good .....	93	96	75	62
Excellent.....	5	--	13	17
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor .....	1	1	11	7
Fair.....	45	49	71	49
Good .....	48	47	18	41
Excellent.....	6	3	--	2
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	35	40	NA	NA
Poor .....	25	30	NA	NA
Fair.....	10	15	NA	NA
Good .....	11	10	NA	NA
Excellent.....	19	5	NA	NA
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	3	3	--	NA
Poor .....	19	23	1	NA
Fair.....	43	39	39	NA
Good .....	27	30	53	NA
Excellent.....	8	5	7	NA
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	6	10	4	NA
Poor .....	3	5	4	NA
Fair.....	40	45	22	NA
Good .....	42	35	70	NA
Excellent.....	9	5	--	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-07012018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/NM-Weather-07012018.pdf)

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