

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 8, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cooler daytime highs coupled with a bump in rainfall were welcomed across much of New Mexico during the week, although the unusually dry conditions entrenched in most areas maintained their stronghold, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The United States Drought Monitor released on July 5 categorized exceptional drought (D4) rooted across 18.0 percent of New Mexico, unchanged from last week. Severe to extreme drought (D2-D3) was now reportedly covering 68.3 percent of the State. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse blanketed 100 percent of the State. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 20 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 15 percent last week, 55 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 35 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 8 percent good to excellent, compared with 7 percent last week, 21 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 24 percent. Reports from areas that have received multiple downpours over the past month suggested that row crops appeared to be in good condition, and were growing well under the warm temperatures. The State's onion harvest was winding down, with progress slightly behind last year but ahead of normal. Comments from Union County noted that more wheat hay was harvested this year when compared with the past few years. Additionally, CRP acreage in Union County was opened for emergency grazing. Precipitation was recorded at 36 out of 45 reporting weather stations, with Clayton, at 2.62 inches, reporting the largest accumulation during the week. Las Vegas was a close second, with 2.52 inches reported. In addition, Capulin, Cloudcroft, and Taos also reported moisture totals over an inch. Average temperatures ranged from 7 degrees below to 6 degrees above normal. Daytime highs varied from 78 degrees at Los Alamos to 103 degrees at Carlsbad. Overnight lows ranged from 29 degrees at El Vado Dam to 69 degrees at Carlsbad. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 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 7 percent light and 8 percent moderate, compared with 8 percent light and 16 percent moderate last week. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 22 percent very short, 32 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 30 percent very short, 33 percent short, 36 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 36 percent very short, 14 percent short, and 50 percent adequate, compared with 39 percent very short, 20 percent short, and 41 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 nd cutting harvested	70	63	69	78
3 rd cutting harvested	37	25	51	49
4 th cutting harvested	1	NA	14	3
Corn				
Silked	12	--	4	14
Cotton				
Emerged	93	92	95	NA
Squaring	25	20	39	44
Onions				
Harvested.....	84	72	89	80
Peanuts				
Emerged	92	65	93	NA
Pegging.....	6	NA	6	7
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	83	65	95	75
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	76	75	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	81	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	6.7	6.8	5.7	6.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	49	51	10	27
Short.....	31	34	35	38
Adequate	19	15	50	33
Surplus	1	--	5	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	37	46	14	NA
Short.....	46	39	41	NA
Adequate	17	15	41	NA
Surplus	--	--	4	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)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	20	15	1	1
Poor.....	6	4	7	5
Fair.....	15	17	32	33
Good.....	54	59	58	47
Excellent.....	5	5	2	14
Chile				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	NA
Poor.....	14	10	4	NA
Fair.....	18	22	52	NA
Good.....	53	44	28	NA
Excellent.....	15	24	13	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	3	3	10	3
Poor.....	5	5	9	4
Fair.....	35	40	30	32
Good.....	42	33	37	40
Excellent.....	15	19	14	21
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	8	3
Poor.....	16	14	4	12
Fair.....	47	54	51	42
Good.....	29	26	30	29
Excellent.....	8	6	7	14
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	17	18	6	20
Poor.....	44	48	30	24
Fair.....	31	27	43	32
Good.....	8	7	16	20
Excellent.....	--	--	5	4
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	3	NA	--	NA
Poor.....	32	NA	5	NA
Fair.....	35	NA	59	NA
Good.....	30	NA	36	NA
Excellent.....	--	NA	--	NA
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	--	--	1	1
Fair.....	2	2	10	20
Good.....	84	93	67	60
Excellent.....	14	5	21	18
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	--
Poor.....	3	1	15	9
Fair.....	50	45	64	48
Good.....	44	48	17	41
Excellent.....	3	6	3	2
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	3	3	--	NA
Poor.....	15	19	1	NA
Fair.....	44	43	32	NA
Good.....	34	27	55	NA
Excellent.....	4	8	12	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	2	6	1	NA
Poor.....	4	3	5	NA
Fair.....	44	40	31	NA
Good.....	48	42	63	NA
Excellent.....	2	9	--	NA

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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-07082018.pdf

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