

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 15, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Monsoonal storms delivered at or below average temperatures, but more so, some much-needed moisture to many locations during the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The United States Drought Monitor released on July 12 categorized exceptional drought (D4) rooted across 15.7 percent of New Mexico, a 2.3 percent improvement from last week. Severe to extreme drought (D2-D3) was now reportedly covering 70.3 percent of the State, as exceptional drought released its stronghold on some isolated areas in the northeast. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse still blanketed 100 percent of the State. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 23 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 20 percent last week, 44 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 8 percent last week, 21 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 24 percent. Reports from the northwest indicated that despite some rainfall, drought conditions remained, and hay production had suffered. In Union County, corn and sorghum were reported in mostly good condition, although more moisture was needed to sustain growth. Additionally, stock water was still in short supply. The recent rainfall has benefitted pastures in Grant and Luna Counties, with some growth seen; however, moderate to extreme drought persisted across the area. The onion harvest in Dona Ana County has stalled somewhat due to wet fields and high humidity. Moreover, reports of chile and corn production losses were reported, although producers were planning to take their crops to harvest. Precipitation was recorded at 44 out of 46 reporting weather stations, with Redrock, at 4.11 inches, reporting the largest accumulation during the week. Capulin was a close second, with 3.72 inches reported. In addition, 10 other weather stations across the State reported moisture totals at or above an inch. Average temperatures ranged from 11 degrees below to 4 degrees above normal. Daytime highs varied from 69 degrees at Cloudcroft to 98 degrees at Tucumcari. Overnight lows ranged from 37 degrees at Angel Fire 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 1 percent light, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 5 percent light and 5 percent moderate, compared with 7 percent light and 8 percent moderate last week. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 22 percent very short, 30 percent short, and 48 percent adequate, compared with 22 percent very short, 32 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 33 percent very short, 18 percent short, and 49 percent adequate, compared with 36 percent very short, 14 percent short, and 50 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.....	81	70	83	86
3 rd cutting harvested.....	43	37	54	58
4 th cutting harvested.....	9	1	19	6
Corn				
Silked.....	29	12	14	21
Cotton				
Emerged.....	97	93	NA	NA
Squaring.....	41	25	44	58
Setting bolls.....	10	NA	3	22
Onions				
Harvested.....	87	84	91	86
Peanuts				
Emerged.....	97	92	98	97
Pegging.....	25	6	15	12
Sorghum				
Headed.....	1	--	5	4
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	88	83	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	74	76	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	76	81	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.....	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	47	49	16	26
Short.....	30	31	40	41
Adequate.....	22	19	43	32
Surplus.....	1	1	1	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	36	37	15	NA
Short.....	45	46	45	NA
Adequate.....	19	17	39	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)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	23	20	--	1
Poor	4	6	12	6
Fair.....	13	15	26	32
Good	55	54	58	48
Excellent.....	5	5	4	13
Chile				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor	11	14	1	NA
Fair.....	21	18	43	NA
Good	45	53	37	NA
Excellent.....	23	15	19	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	3	11	3
Poor	2	5	7	3
Fair.....	34	35	29	28
Good	51	42	41	39
Excellent.....	12	15	12	27
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	10	3
Poor	15	16	3	8
Fair.....	45	47	45	39
Good	35	29	32	35
Excellent.....	5	8	10	15
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	21	17	6	16
Poor	44	44	39	29
Fair.....	28	31	34	31
Good	6	8	17	20
Excellent.....	1	--	4	4
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	1	3	--	1
Poor	12	32	4	7
Fair.....	51	35	68	73
Good	36	30	28	18
Excellent.....	--	--	--	1
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	3	2	1	19
Good	83	84	75	59
Excellent.....	14	14	24	22
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	--	--	9	2
Poor	3	3	10	6
Fair.....	55	50	60	50
Good	40	44	19	40
Excellent.....	2	3	2	2
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	4	3	--	NA
Poor	14	15	1	NA
Fair.....	45	44	34	NA
Good	33	34	54	NA
Excellent.....	4	4	11	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	7	2	4	NA
Poor	6	4	6	NA
Fair.....	40	44	33	NA
Good	45	48	56	NA
Excellent.....	2	2	1	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-07152018.pdf

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