

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 19, 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Monsoonal moisture remained scattered, with pasture green up and improved row crop conditions reported in wetter locations, and continued dryness reported in others, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Additional rainfall is needed to pull the State out of the prolonged drought. The United States Drought Monitor released on August 16 categorized exceptional drought (D4) rooted across 14.5 percent of New Mexico, unchanged from last week. Severe to extreme drought (D2-D3) was reportedly covering 52.3 percent of the State, down nearly 2 percent from last week as a larger percentage of the State was classified in the moderate drought (D1) category. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse remained entrenched across 100 percent of the State, compared with last year when 98.7 percent of the State was classified as drought-free. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 30 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 26 percent last week, 80 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 47 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 6 percent good to excellent, compared with 5 percent last week, 39 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 31 percent. Pumpkins were being harvested in Union County, as small grain producers tended to their wheat fields in preparation for seeding. Statewide, the green chile harvest was halfway complete, with 63 percent of the crop reported in good to excellent condition. An army worm infestation was noted in Lea County following a heavier rainfall last week. Precipitation was recorded at 42 out of 46 reporting weather stations, with Raton, at 2.04 inches, reporting the largest accumulation during the week. Six additional weather stations in the northeast reported rainfall totals over an inch during the week. Average temperatures ranged from 7 degrees below to 6 degrees above normal. Daytime highs varied from 75 degrees at Los Alamos to 100 degrees at Carlsbad and Hachita. Overnight lows ranged from 34 degrees at Angel Fire to 64 degrees at Albuquerque, Carlsbad, NMSU, and Truth or Consequences. Pecan nut set was reported as 63 percent light, 35 percent moderate, and 2 percent heavy. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent light, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 7 percent light and 6 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 5 percent very short, 28 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 23 percent very short, 18 percent short, and 59 percent adequate.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested .....	95	90	95	93
4 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested .....	65	53	66	64
5 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested .....	24	19	32	24
Chile				
Green harvested.....	50	43	41	29
Corn				
Silked .....	95	91	89	89
Doughed.....	41	22	28	38
Dented.....	9	1	4	9
Harvested for silage.....	18	3	14	14
Cotton				
Squaring .....	94	85	91	96
Setting bolls.....	62	52	60	75
Bolls opening .....	1	NA	--	8
Peanuts				
Pegging.....	98	92	90	73
Sorghum				
Headed .....	63	45	47	40
Turning color.....	25	6	21	10
Mature .....	1	--	--	--
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	2	NA	--	--
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	63	68	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	59	67	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 .....	6.3	6.8	6.1	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	35	40	3	18
Short.....	35	34	17	35
Adequate .....	28	25	59	42
Surplus .....	2	1	21	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	34	35	2	NA
Short.....	46	42	26	NA
Adequate .....	18	22	64	NA
Surplus .....	2	1	8	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.....	6	15	--	1
Poor.....	9	3	10	7
Fair.....	20	21	12	28
Good.....	60	57	69	52
Excellent.....	5	4	9	12
<b>Chile</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	NA
Poor.....	8	7	6	NA
Fair.....	29	22	46	NA
Good.....	38	38	34	NA
Excellent.....	25	33	13	NA
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	2	--	3	2
Poor.....	4	3	4	3
Fair.....	31	30	19	24
Good.....	44	49	51	43
Excellent.....	19	18	23	28
<b>Cotton</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	2
Poor.....	12	11	5	12
Fair.....	32	40	39	35
Good.....	51	43	46	39
Excellent.....	5	6	7	12
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	18	24	2	12
Poor.....	41	37	25	23
Fair.....	35	34	34	34
Good.....	5	5	31	26
Excellent.....	1	--	8	5
<b>Peanuts</b>				
Very poor.....	--	2	--	1
Poor.....	13	22	6	10
Fair.....	51	46	63	69
Good.....	36	30	31	19
Excellent.....	--	--	--	1
<b>Pecans</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	4	1
Poor.....	3	--	4	1
Fair.....	7	4	5	22
Good.....	65	64	77	55
Excellent.....	25	32	10	21
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	--
Poor.....	5	5	1	3
Fair.....	45	51	43	47
Good.....	46	39	48	46
Excellent.....	4	5	7	4
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	2	2	--	NA
Poor.....	7	11	1	NA
Fair.....	49	50	27	NA
Good.....	37	32	59	NA
Excellent.....	5	5	13	NA
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	18	20	1	NA
Poor.....	6	5	3	NA
Fair.....	32	32	26	NA
Good.....	42	42	62	NA
Excellent.....	2	1	8	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-08192018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/NM-Weather-08192018.pdf)

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