

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 7, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Average day time highs continued to climb and rainfall remained sporadic, resulting in little overall change to crop, livestock, and pasture conditions, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Weekly rainfall totals varied from no rain to over 3 inches, with most of the moisture received falling on the eastern half of the State. Reports from San Juan County noted that while crops and livestock were in good condition, lower elevation pastures were starting to show signs of dryness and ponds were low, but still providing some water for cattle and sheep. San Miguel County reported the largest accumulations and stated that heavy rainfall helped fill ponds, however some light hail damage to hay acres was seen. Concern remained high in many areas as hot, dry, windy conditions continued their dominance. Comments from Eddy County noted that cattle were only able to hold a fair condition because of supplemental feeding. Similarly, reports from Lea County indicated that more rainfall was needed to keep native grasses from burning up as temperatures warm up even further. Overall, 73 percent of the alfalfa hay was reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 59 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 61 percent. The United States Drought Monitor released on July 3 noted that the State remained free of exceptional, extreme, and severe drought (D4 – D2), while moderate drought (D1) was present across 8.7 percent of the State, unchanged from last week. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse were evident across 29.9 percent of the State, unchanged from last week. Drought-free conditions covered 70.1 percent of the State. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 35 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 33 percent last week, 20 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 37 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 20 percent good to excellent, compared with 28 percent last week, 8 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 25 percent. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 2 percent light, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe, compared with 1 percent light and 1 percent moderate last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 20 percent light, 5 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe, compared with 17 percent light, 2 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 23 percent very short, 27 percent short, and 50 percent adequate, compared with 17 percent very short, 26 percent short, and 57 percent adequate last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	94	92	NA	NA
2 nd cutting harvested.....	56	53	69	75
3 rd cutting harvested.....	14	5	35	42
Corn				
Emerged.....	90	85	NA	NA
Cotton				
Emerged.....	86	82	93	NA
Squaring.....	40	25	24	37
Onions				
Harvested.....	56	49	82	80
Peanuts				
Emerged.....	67	63	88	91
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	50	37	80	79

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.....	6.4	6.8	6.7	6.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	25	30	49	26
Short.....	40	37	31	37
Adequate.....	34	30	19	35
Surplus.....	1	3	1	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	25	29	37	23
Short.....	40	39	46	36
Adequate.....	34	31	17	40
Surplus.....	1	1	--	1

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	20	4
Poor.....	1	7	6	5
Fair.....	26	19	15	30
Good.....	67	64	54	50
Excellent.....	6	10	5	11
Chile				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	1
Poor.....	5	1	14	7
Fair.....	38	39	18	30
Good.....	56	59	53	46
Excellent.....	--	--	15	16
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	1	3	3
Poor.....	7	4	5	4
Fair.....	56	53	35	28
Good.....	22	29	42	42
Excellent.....	14	13	15	23
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	2
Poor.....	11	10	16	11
Fair.....	40	34	47	43
Good.....	40	45	29	32
Excellent.....	9	10	8	12
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	--	5	NA	NA
Fair.....	24	19	NA	NA
Good.....	31	31	NA	NA
Excellent.....	45	45	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	10	14	17	11
Poor.....	30	26	44	28
Fair.....	40	32	31	36
Good.....	19	26	8	21
Excellent.....	1	2	--	4
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	NA
Poor.....	7	7	32	NA
Fair.....	61	61	35	NA
Good.....	32	32	30	NA
Excellent.....	--	--	--	NA
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	2	--	--
Fair.....	20	22	2	12
Good.....	35	29	84	67
Excellent.....	43	47	14	21
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	14	12	NA	NA
Fair.....	30	29	NA	NA
Good.....	50	56	NA	NA
Excellent.....	5	3	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	1	3	2
Poor.....	5	8	15	7
Fair.....	40	33	44	37
Good.....	45	49	34	47
Excellent.....	9	9	4	7
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	1	--	2	10
Poor.....	7	13	4	12
Fair.....	48	46	44	30
Good.....	40	39	48	46
Excellent.....	4	2	2	2

NA – not available

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