

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 14, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Without meaningful, widespread rainfall, native pastures in some areas were showing signs of drought stress, and soil moisture levels were becoming short, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. While measurable moisture was present in many locations, total accumulations were well below normal. Reports from Quay County noted that some corn and sorghum acreage was certified as prevented planting due to drought, as rainfall in the county has varied drastically from place to place. Similarly, range conditions in Union County were noted as being bleak, with stock water supplies depleted, pasture grasses regressing, and livestock producers on the verge of potentially reducing herd sizes if significant rainfall is not received. Elsewhere, comments from Chaves and Roosevelt Counties indicated that both crops and pastures needed beneficial moisture even though some spotty showers were received. In Eddy County, the cotton crop was reported to be approximately 3 weeks late, with roughly 30 percent of squares dropped from plants. The cherry harvest in Rio Arriba County was virtually complete, with both the apricot and peach harvests gearing up. Fruit production was reported to be good. Overall, 69 percent of the alfalfa hay was reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 60 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 60 percent. The United States Drought Monitor released on July 11 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 35 percent last week, 23 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 34 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 21 percent good to excellent, compared with 20 percent last week, 7 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 25 percent. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 3 percent light, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe, compared with 2 percent light, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 21 percent light, 7 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe, compared with 20 percent light, 5 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 27 percent very short, 28 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 23 percent very short, 27 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				
1 st cutting harvested.....	97	94	NA	NA
2 nd cutting harvested.....	66	56	79	83
3 rd cutting harvested.....	25	14	42	54
Corn				
Emerged.....	95	90	NA	NA
Cotton				
Emerged.....	98	86	96	NA
Squaring.....	54	40	39	52
Onions				
Harvested.....	86	56	87	86
Peanuts				
Emerged.....	97	67	96	96
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	65	50	87	88

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.....	6.6	6.4	6.6	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	20	25	47	27
Short.....	45	40	30	39
Adequate.....	32	34	22	33
Surplus.....	3	1	1	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	20	25	36	24
Short.....	45	40	45	37
Adequate.....	34	34	19	39
Surplus.....	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.....	1	--	23	5
Poor.....	2	1	4	6
Fair.....	28	26	13	29
Good.....	59	67	55	49
Excellent.....	10	6	5	11
Chile				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	--
Poor.....	2	5	11	5
Fair.....	36	38	21	29
Good.....	61	56	45	48
Excellent.....	--	--	23	18
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	3
Poor.....	4	7	2	3
Fair.....	53	56	34	27
Good.....	29	22	51	44
Excellent.....	13	14	12	23
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	15	11	15	9
Fair.....	46	40	45	42
Good.....	32	40	35	35
Excellent.....	7	9	5	12
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	6	10	21	12
Poor.....	32	30	44	29
Fair.....	41	40	28	34
Good.....	19	19	6	21
Excellent.....	2	1	1	4
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	7	7	12	7
Fair.....	61	61	51	69
Good.....	32	32	36	22
Excellent.....	--	--	--	1
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	2	--	--
Fair.....	21	20	3	11
Good.....	44	35	83	66
Excellent.....	34	43	14	23
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	2	1	4	2
Poor.....	8	5	14	7
Fair.....	42	40	45	39
Good.....	40	45	33	46
Excellent.....	8	9	4	6
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	1	7	11
Poor.....	9	7	6	13
Fair.....	48	48	40	30
Good.....	40	40	45	44
Excellent.....	3	4	2	2

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