# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
### WEEK ENDING JULY 21, 2019

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** While a few pockets of the State accumulated above average rainfall, most areas battled unrelenting hot, dry, windy weather conditions that have left fire danger high, and continued to negatively impact soil moisture, pastures, and stock water supplies, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Comments from Dona Ana County noted that damage to the cotton, onion, and pepper crops had been reported. In Union County, crop conditions and crop development varied drastically, with comments indicating that the corn crop varied in height from one foot to 5 feet tall in some fields. Overall, 62 percent of the alfalfa hay was reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 53 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 60 percent. The United States Drought Monitor released on July 18 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 31 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 35 percent last week, 27 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 33 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 23 percent good to excellent, compared with 21 percent last week, 3 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 24 percent. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 2 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 23 percent light, 9 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe, compared with 21 percent light, 7 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 29 percent very short, 27 percent short, 43 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 27 percent very short, 28 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week.

## CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Alfalfa hay | | | | |
| 2nd cutting harvested | 74 | 66 | 85 | 88 |
| 3rd cutting harvested | 35 | 25 | 49 | 61 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Silking | 9 | -- | 38 | 32 |
| Cotton | | | | |
| Squaring | 66 | 54 | 50 | 64 |
| Setting bolls | 3 | -- | 19 | 29 |
| Onions | | | | |
| Harvested | 97 | 86 | 90 | 91 |
| Peanuts | | | | |
| Pegging | 4 | NA | 35 | 21 |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Harvested | 75 | 65 | 94 | 94 |

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 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.7 |
| | | | | |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short | 17 | 20 | 38 | 27 |
| Short | 52 | 45 | 35 | 40 |
| Adequate | 28 | 32 | 26 | 32 |
| Surplus | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short | 19 | 20 | 31 | 24 |
| Short | 51 | 45 | 43 | 36 |
| Adequate | 29 | 34 | 25 | 39 |
| Surplus | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

NA – not available

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## CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Alfalfa hay | | | | |
| Very poor | 2 | 1 | 32 | 7 |
| Poor | 3 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Fair | 33 | 28 | 12 | 28 |
| Good | 50 | 59 | 48 | 50 |
| Excellent | 12 | 10 | 5 | 10 |
| Chile | | | | |
| Very poor | 1 | 1 | -- | -- |
| Poor | 5 | 2 | 8 | 5 |
| Fair | 38 | 36 | 15 | 30 |
| Good | 56 | 61 | 52 | 48 |
| Excellent | -- | -- | 25 | 17 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Very poor | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Poor | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| Fair | 45 | 53 | 37 | 27 |
| Good | 31 | 29 | 42 | 42 |
| Excellent | 18 | 13 | 15 | 24 |
| Cotton | | | | |
| Very poor | -- | -- | -- | 2 |
| Poor | 18 | 15 | 15 | 9 |
| Fair | 48 | 46 | 47 | 43 |
| Good | 25 | 32 | 31 | 34 |
| Excellent | 9 | 7 | 7 | 12 |
| Pasture and range | | | | |
| Very poor | 6 | 6 | 23 | 13 |
| Poor | 31 | 32 | 46 | 29 |
| Fair | 40 | 41 | 28 | 34 |
| Good | 22 | 19 | 3 | 21 |
| Excellent | 1 | 2 | -- | 3 |
| Peanuts | | | | |
| Very poor | -- | -- | 3 | 1 |
| Poor | 9 | 7 | 21 | 11 |
| Fair | 65 | 61 | 42 | 64 |
| Good | 26 | 32 | 34 | 23 |
| Excellent | -- | -- | -- | 1 |
| Pecans | | | | |
| Very poor | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Poor | 1 | 1 | -- | 1 |
| Fair | 15 | 21 | 4 | 13 |
| Good | 45 | 44 | 77 | 64 |
| Excellent | 39 | 34 | 19 | 22 |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Very poor | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Poor | 7 | 8 | 21 | 8 |
| Fair | 45 | 42 | 44 | 38 |
| Good | 36 | 40 | 26 | 45 |
| Excellent | 11 | 8 | 6 | 7 |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Very poor | 1 | -- | 10 | 13 |
| Poor | 4 | 9 | 7 | 14 |
| Fair | 45 | 48 | 35 | 27 |
| Good | 45 | 40 | 40 | 42 |
| Excellent | 5 | 3 | 8 | 4 |

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