

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 28, 2019

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Rain was more far-reaching during the week, with many areas accumulating above average moisture, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Temperatures climbed to above average levels, and high winds persisted, causing any moisture received to quickly dry. Soil moisture levels remained fairly steady. Comments from several areas indicated that most crops needed additional rainfall to keep developing at a normal pace. Stock water supplies continued to concern many ranchers. Widespread reports noted that water supplies were short to very short in many creeks and ponds. Additionally, native pasture grasses were dry, with little new growth evident in many counties. Overall, 67 percent of the alfalfa hay was reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 56 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 61 percent. The United States Drought Monitor released on July 25 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 30.2 percent of the State, an increase of 0.3 percentage points from last week. Drought-free conditions covered 69.8 percent of the State. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 37 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 31 percent last week, 26 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 35 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 23 percent good to excellent, compared with 23 percent last week, 2 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 26 percent. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 2 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 18 percent light, 6 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe, compared with 23 percent light, 9 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 26 percent very short, 30 percent short, 43 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 29 percent very short, 27 percent short, 43 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	80	74	94	93
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested .....	44	35	67	71
4 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested .....	13	NA	30	31
Chile				
Green harvested .....	6	NA	13	7
Corn				
Silking .....	18	9	59	51
Cotton				
Squaring .....	71	66	72	78
Setting bolls .....	9	3	30	42
Peanuts				
Pegging .....	14	4	58	38
Winter wheat				
Harvested .....	90	75	NA	NA

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	6.7	6.3	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	18	17	37	26
Short .....	45	52	37	39
Adequate .....	33	28	23	33
Surplus .....	4	3	3	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	22	19	39	27
Short .....	46	51	41	35
Adequate .....	31	29	19	37
Surplus .....	1	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.....	1	2	26	6
Poor.....	7	3	1	5
Fair.....	25	33	17	28
Good.....	52	50	50	49
Excellent.....	15	12	6	12
Chile				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	--
Poor.....	4	5	11	6
Fair.....	35	38	15	30
Good.....	56	56	48	46
Excellent.....	4	--	26	18
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	3
Poor.....	5	5	8	4
Fair.....	43	45	40	26
Good.....	35	31	37	43
Excellent.....	16	18	15	24
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	17	18	13	9
Fair.....	48	48	53	46
Good.....	25	25	31	34
Excellent.....	10	9	3	9
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	10	6	21	11
Poor.....	29	31	48	27
Fair.....	38	40	29	36
Good.....	21	22	2	23
Excellent.....	2	1	--	3
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	9	9	12	9
Fair.....	65	65	51	65
Good.....	26	26	36	24
Excellent.....	--	--	--	1
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	--	1
Fair.....	8	15	4	13
Good.....	45	45	70	65
Excellent.....	46	39	26	21
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	2	1	3	2
Poor.....	15	7	20	8
Fair.....	42	45	49	37
Good.....	29	36	28	47
Excellent.....	12	11	--	6
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	2	1	15	13
Poor.....	9	4	10	14
Fair.....	42	45	30	25
Good.....	42	45	40	45
Excellent.....	5	5	5	3

NA – not available

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