

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 4, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Hot, dry weather continued to dominate the State during the week, with only isolated pockets within counties receiving beneficial rainfall, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Comments from San Juan County indicated that while irrigated crops were doing well, with a good supply of river water available in the area, rangeland grasses were beginning to show signs of dryness, and stock water ponds were dry. Similar reports were received for counties across the State, as monsoon systems have not generated the normal moisture levels needed this time of year. Many ranchers were already providing supplemental feed to their livestock, with growing concern as to whether there will be an adequate supply of winter grazing. Overall, 71 percent of the alfalfa hay was reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 62 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 63 percent. The United States Drought Monitor released on August 1 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, unchanged from last week. Drought-free conditions covered 69.8 percent of the State. Despite what the Drought Monitor shows, persistent below average rainfall totals have led to a reduction in available soil moisture, as well as the deterioration of native pasture grasses in many locations. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 29 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 37 percent last week, 25 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 43 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 13 percent good to excellent, compared with 23 percent last week, 4 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 29 percent. Pecan nut set was reported as 7 percent light, 91 percent moderate, and 2 percent heavy, compared with 79 percent light, 19 percent moderate, and 2 percent heavy last year. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 2 percent light, 2 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, 3 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe, compared with 18 percent light, 6 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 26 percent very short, 30 percent short, 42 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 26 percent very short, 30 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 nd cutting harvested.....	90	80	NA	NA
3 rd cutting harvested.....	55	44	79	79
4 th cutting harvested.....	25	13	41	44
Chile				
Green harvested.....	10	6	25	13
Corn				
Silking.....	31	18	75	66
Cotton				
Squaring.....	76	71	80	87
Setting bolls.....	13	9	45	53
Peanuts				
Pegging.....	23	14	81	52
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	95	90	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.....	6.8	6.4	6.9	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	25	18	38	21
Short.....	46	45	37	36
Adequate.....	29	33	23	39
Surplus.....	--	4	2	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	30	22	35	23
Short.....	45	46	42	33
Adequate.....	25	31	21	43
Surplus.....	--	1	2	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	20	5
Poor.....	7	7	1	5
Fair.....	22	25	17	27
Good.....	58	52	56	52
Excellent.....	13	15	6	11
Chile				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	--
Poor.....	1	4	9	4
Fair.....	32	35	15	33
Good.....	60	56	47	46
Excellent.....	6	4	29	17
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	1	1	3
Poor.....	6	5	3	3
Fair.....	49	43	36	24
Good.....	30	35	40	44
Excellent.....	15	16	20	26
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	18	17	12	9
Fair.....	44	48	45	41
Good.....	27	25	39	38
Excellent.....	11	10	4	10
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	19	10	21	10
Poor.....	34	29	39	24
Fair.....	34	38	36	37
Good.....	12	21	4	24
Excellent.....	1	2	--	5
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	--	4	1
Poor.....	7	9	15	9
Fair.....	62	65	50	67
Good.....	31	26	31	22
Excellent.....	--	--	--	1
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	--	--
Fair.....	8	8	4	13
Good.....	45	45	70	66
Excellent.....	46	46	26	21
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	4	2	3	2
Poor.....	17	15	15	7
Fair.....	42	42	53	38
Good.....	28	29	27	48
Excellent.....	9	12	2	5
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	5	2	20	14
Poor.....	12	9	5	12
Fair.....	44	42	30	25
Good.....	35	42	45	46
Excellent.....	4	5	--	3

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