

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 5, 2020

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Northeast New Mexico received much needed rain this past week, but producers across the state remain concerned about the drought conditions, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. In the northeast, rain accumulations ranged from a trace to more than two inches in isolated areas. In Union County, up to four inches of rain was received in some areas, pasture shows a tint of green, and some stock ponds have been replenished. In Curry County, irrigated crops are doing well, but dryland crops need rain soon. Reports from Taos and Rio Arriba Counties indicated, due to reduced water and forage supplies, livestock on rangeland have moved to lower ground earlier than expected this year. Across the northern half of the state, livestock producers are making plans for their herd, should the drought conditions persist, and some producers report low livestock prices. In Taos and Rio Arriba Counties, the first cutting of alfalfa is finished and reports indicated overall production is low. In the southeast, the third cutting of alfalfa is underway. Across the northern half of the state, windy conditions were reported, removing some of the much needed soil moisture. The United States Drought Monitor released on July 2 indicated that extreme drought (D3) covers 11.3 percent of the State and severe drought (D2) now covers 30 percent of the State, both the same as the previous week. The area classified in moderate drought (D1) – currently 11.4 percent – is also the same as the previous week. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse were evident across 75.1 percent of the State, or roughly 91,400 square miles, which is the same as the previous three weeks. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 81 percent short to very short, compared with 86 percent last week, 65 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 63 percent. Subsoil moisture levels were reported as 86 percent short to very short, compared with 90 percent last week, 65 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 59 percent. Chile condition was reported as 54 percent good to excellent, compared with 56 percent last year and a 5-year average of 63 percent. Pecan condition was reported as 76 percent good to excellent, compared with 78 percent last year and a 5-year average of 88 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 62 percent poor to very poor, compared with 68 percent last week, 40 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 35 percent. Hail damage across all crops was reported as 3 percent light and 2 percent moderate. Wind damage across all crops was reported as 17 percent light and 6 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 2 percent very short, 39 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 4 percent very short, 42 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 24 percent very short, 42 percent short, and 34 percent adequate, compared with 23 percent very short, 40 percent short, and 37 percent adequate 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.....	60	47	55	67
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested.....	30	17	11	31
Corn				
Planted.....	94	92	NA	NA
Emerged.....	85	72	89	93
Silked.....	7	5	--	5
Cotton				
Emerged.....	84	79	85	91
Squaring.....	37	18	36	28
Onions				
Harvested.....	69	50	54	74
Peanuts				
Pegging.....	41	22	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	84	65	46	71
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	84	76	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	65	64	NA	NA

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.....	6.4	6.6	6.4	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	41	50	25	23
Short.....	40	36	40	40
Adequate.....	19	14	34	35
Surplus.....	--	--	1	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	41	50	25	20
Short.....	45	40	40	39
Adequate.....	14	10	34	43
Surplus.....	--	--	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.....	1	5	--	4
Poor .....	7	7	1	4
Fair.....	30	26	26	28
Good.....	56	58	67	54
Excellent.....	6	4	6	10
Chile				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor .....	6	4	5	7
Fair.....	40	49	38	29
Good.....	54	45	56	49
Excellent.....	--	2	--	14
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	3	1	3
Poor .....	4	3	7	4
Fair.....	57	55	56	32
Good.....	16	13	22	41
Excellent.....	22	26	14	20
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor .....	16	16	11	12
Fair.....	53	58	40	41
Good.....	31	25	40	36
Excellent.....	--	1	9	9
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	29	32	10	8
Poor .....	33	36	30	27
Fair.....	28	27	40	39
Good.....	10	5	19	22
Excellent.....	--	--	1	4
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor .....	11	11	7	NA
Fair.....	56	62	61	NA
Good.....	33	27	32	NA
Excellent.....	--	--	--	NA
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor .....	1	1	2	1
Fair.....	23	14	20	11
Good.....	70	70	35	62
Excellent.....	6	15	43	26
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	2	2	1	1
Poor .....	8	10	5	5
Fair.....	43	42	40	35
Good.....	42	38	45	51
Excellent.....	5	8	9	8
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	19	10	1	6
Poor .....	9	10	7	9
Fair.....	25	32	48	31
Good.....	46	48	40	52
Excellent.....	1	--	4	2

NA – not available

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