

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 12, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Measurable moisture was spotty across the State during the week, with the trace amounts received doing little to alleviate prolonged drought, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. In the northwest, most ranchers were hauling water to their cattle as natural stock water supplies were dry or nearly dry. Reports of hay production in the area noted that some producers were only able to harvest one cutting, while some fields did not grow enough to sustain one cutting. Reports from Union County indicated that hot temperatures combined with strong winds quickly dried up the rain that was received, although conditions were somewhat better. Despite that, ranchers in the county were still culling cattle herds since native feedstuffs remained short and supplemental feed is expensive. Elsewhere, comments noted extremely hot temperatures, dry soils, a lack of pasture grass, and trying conditions for dryland crops. It was noted that some pecan trees in Eddy County were showing damage that most likely resulted from an early-fall frost. The United States Drought Monitor released on July 9 indicated further expansion of abnormally dry or worse conditions, with extreme drought (D3) covering 11.2 percent of the State and severe drought (D2) covering 29.7 percent of the State. The area classified in moderate drought (D1) – currently 17.3 percent – was up 6 percentage points when compared with the previous week. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse were evident across 82.4 percent of the State, or roughly 100,169 square miles. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 81 percent short to very short, compared with 81 percent last week, 65 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 66 percent. Chile condition was reported as 54 percent good to excellent, compared with 61 percent last year and a 5-year average of 67 percent. Pecan condition was reported as 66 percent good to excellent, compared with 78 percent last year and a 5-year average of 91 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 58 percent poor to very poor, compared with 62 percent last week, 38 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 37 percent. Hail damage across all crops was reported as 1 percent light. Wind damage across all crops was reported as 15 percent light and 3 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 3 percent very short, 38 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 2 percent very short, 39 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 21 percent very short, 51 percent short, and 28 percent adequate, compared with 24 percent very short, 42 percent short, and 34 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 nd cutting harvested.....	70	60	63	76
3 rd cutting harvested.....	34	30	22	41
4 th cutting harvested.....	4	--	NA	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	95	94	NA	NA
Emerged.....	90	85	94	NA
Silked.....	10	7	--	12
Cotton				
Emerged.....	86	84	95	NA
Squaring.....	51	37	50	41
Setting bolls.....	1	--	--	NA
Onions				
Harvested.....	77	69	77	85
Peanuts				
Pegging.....	62	41	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	88	84	61	80
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	78	84	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	71	65	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.....	6.5	6.4	6.6	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	44	41	20	24
Short.....	37	40	45	42
Adequate.....	19	19	32	33
Surplus.....	--	--	3	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	43	41	20	20
Short.....	41	45	45	40
Adequate.....	16	14	34	39
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	1	1	5
Poor.....	7	7	2	5
Fair.....	33	30	28	27
Good.....	50	56	59	52
Excellent.....	9	6	10	11
Chile				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	--
Poor.....	6	6	2	5
Fair.....	40	40	36	28
Good.....	54	54	61	51
Excellent.....	--	--	--	16
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	3
Poor.....	2	4	4	3
Fair.....	60	57	53	32
Good.....	12	16	29	44
Excellent.....	25	22	13	18
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	17	16	15	11
Fair.....	54	53	46	42
Good.....	29	31	32	36
Excellent.....	--	--	7	9
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	25	29	6	8
Poor.....	33	33	32	29
Fair.....	30	28	41	36
Good.....	11	10	19	23
Excellent.....	1	--	2	4
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	11	11	7	5
Fair.....	56	56	61	67
Good.....	33	33	32	27
Excellent.....	--	--	--	1
Pecans				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	--
Poor.....	5	1	1	--
Fair.....	28	23	21	9
Good.....	66	70	44	64
Excellent.....	--	6	34	27
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	7	2	2	2
Poor.....	5	8	8	6
Fair.....	39	43	42	36
Good.....	39	42	40	49
Excellent.....	10	5	8	7
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	15	19	--	7
Poor.....	6	9	9	10
Fair.....	31	25	48	31
Good.....	46	46	40	49
Excellent.....	2	1	3	3

NA – not available

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