

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 26, 2020

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** This year's monsoon brought widespread moisture to the State, with some areas receiving heavy, beneficial rain, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Despite the precipitation, crop conditions and production in the northwest still had room for improvement. Reports from Rio Arriba and Taos Counties indicated that most ranchers were holding their hay production to feed their own herds. Elsewhere, hot temperatures coupled with limited rainfall left conditions in San Juan County dry and trying. Irrigated crops were in good shape; however, rivers and ponds were low, forcing ranchers to continue to haul water. Reports from Union County indicated that corn and irrigated sorghum were in good condition following limited moisture. Statewide, comments indicated there were numerous areas that needed large amounts of additional rainfall to reverse the prolonged drought. The United States Drought Monitor released on July 23 indicated that the entire State was now classified in abnormally dry or worse condition. Limited monsoonal moisture helped to reduce the area classified in extreme drought (D3), now at 11.9 percent, compared with 15.4 percent last week. Severe drought (D2) covered 30.4 percent of the State, up from 26.3 percent last week. The area classified in moderate drought (D1) – currently 51.9 percent – increased by 26.5 percentage points when compared with the previous week. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 80 percent short to very short, compared with 81 percent last week, 63 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 66 percent. Pasture and range conditions was reported as 50 percent poor to very poor, compared with 59 percent last week, 39 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 35 percent. Hail damage across all crops was reported as 1 percent light. Wind damage across all crops was reported as 8 percent light and 2 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 10 percent very short, 35 percent short, 47 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus, compared with 6 percent very short, 37 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 20 percent very short, 40 percent short, and 40 percent adequate, compared with 23 percent very short, 45 percent short, and 32 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.....	85	75	78	87
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested.....	53	41	41	59
4 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested.....	21	15	NA	NA
Chile				
Green harvested.....	1	--	NA	NA
Corn				
Emerged.....	95	92	NA	NA
Silked.....	27	12	15	38
Cotton				
Emerged.....	95	91	NA	NA
Squaring.....	81	61	70	69
Setting bolls.....	37	13	7	29
Onions				
Harvested.....	95	80	NA	NA
Peanuts				
Pegging.....	84	76	11	27
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	94	91	86	NA
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	78	77	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	65	68	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.....	6.1	6.7	6.4	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	35	41	18	23
Short.....	45	40	45	43
Adequate.....	20	19	33	31
Surplus.....	--	--	4	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	36	40	22	25
Short.....	49	48	46	38
Adequate.....	15	12	31	36
Surplus.....	--	--	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	1	1	5
Poor .....	3	2	7	5
Fair.....	35	31	25	26
Good.....	50	56	52	52
Excellent.....	11	10	15	12
Chile				
Very poor.....	2	--	1	--
Poor .....	7	6	4	6
Fair.....	30	35	35	28
Good.....	55	59	56	48
Excellent.....	6	--	4	18
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	--	1	3
Poor .....	1	1	5	4
Fair.....	50	51	43	30
Good.....	20	14	35	43
Excellent.....	28	34	16	20
Cotton				
Very poor.....	2	--	--	2
Poor .....	17	16	17	12
Fair.....	50	54	48	45
Good.....	22	26	25	34
Excellent.....	9	4	10	7
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	15	20	10	9
Poor .....	35	39	29	26
Fair.....	35	29	38	37
Good.....	10	4	21	24
Excellent.....	5	8	2	4
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	5	--	--	--
Poor .....	14	11	9	6
Fair.....	48	56	65	66
Good.....	33	33	26	27
Excellent.....	--	--	--	1
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	2	--	--
Poor .....	--	5	1	1
Fair.....	30	23	8	7
Good.....	66	70	45	62
Excellent.....	4	--	46	30
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	2	9	2	2
Poor .....	5	8	15	8
Fair.....	42	34	42	37
Good.....	42	36	29	46
Excellent.....	9	13	12	7
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	5	6	2	10
Poor .....	11	8	9	11
Fair.....	37	40	42	26
Good.....	46	46	42	49
Excellent.....	1	--	5	4

NA – not available

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