

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 23, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Scattered rain showers brought around 0.1 inches of total rain to most areas in the State this week, with some areas along the southern border seeing 1.5 inches of rain, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Slightly above average daily high temperatures, along with windy conditions, dried surface moisture quickly bringing little relief to the State. Reports indicate that the dry conditions are leading producers to move cattle off native pastures, while some are reducing herd size. Harvest of the fifth cutting of alfalfa is underway, as is winter wheat planting for next year's crop. Chile pepper harvest is continuing to advance. Harvest progress is at 44 percent, which is 5 days ahead of last year's progress at this time. The United States Drought Monitor released on August 20 indicated that extreme drought (D3) covered 15.1 percent of the State, while severe drought (D2) was categorized across 40.4 percent of the State, both increases from last week. The area classified in moderate drought (D1) was reported at 38.8 percent, down 3.9 percentage points from last week. Abnormal dryness plagued 5.7 percent of the State. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 85 percent short to very short, compared with 85 percent last week, 68 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 54 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 44 percent poor to very poor, compared with 43 percent last week, 40 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 30 percent. Pecan nut set was reported as 1 percent light, 93 percent moderate and 5 percent heavy, compared with 5 percent light, 88 percent moderate, and 6 percent heavy last year. Hail damage across all crops was reported as 1 percent light and 1 percent moderate. Wind damage across all crops was reported as 6 percent light and 1 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 13 percent very short, 41 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 16 percent very short, 37 percent short, 46 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 25 percent very short, 37 percent short, and 38 percent adequate, compared with 27 percent very short, 35 percent short, and 38 percent adequate last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
3 rd cutting harvested	77	73	79	NA
4 th cutting harvested	57	44	56	64
5 th cutting harvested	6	3	18	29
Chile				
Green harvested	44	35	31	41
Corn				
Silked	80	70	76	NA
Doughed	51	30	29	46
Dented	27	3	NA	NA
Cotton				
Setting bolls	78	72	48	69
Bolls opening	2	--	1	9
Winter wheat				
Planted	3	NA	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed	79	70	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed	59	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	6.7	6.8	6.6	6.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	35	33	22	17
Short	50	52	46	37
Adequate	15	15	30	42
Surplus	--	--	2	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	38	39	22	17
Short	47	51	51	35
Adequate	15	10	27	46
Surplus	--	--	--	2

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.....	2	2	--	2
Poor.....	6	4	2	6
Fair.....	40	33	23	26
Good.....	44	48	66	55
Excellent.....	8	13	9	11
Chile				
Very poor.....	7	6	--	NA
Poor.....	10	8	7	NA
Fair.....	24	34	33	NA
Good.....	45	43	59	NA
Excellent.....	14	9	1	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	2
Poor.....	3	1	8	4
Fair.....	37	36	47	29
Good.....	34	29	30	44
Excellent.....	25	33	14	21
Cotton				
Very poor.....	7	5	2	1
Poor.....	22	22	17	13
Fair.....	50	57	48	35
Good.....	16	12	24	42
Excellent.....	5	4	9	9
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	13	17	11	6
Poor.....	31	26	29	24
Fair.....	35	32	38	37
Good.....	15	19	15	26
Excellent.....	6	6	7	7
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	6	5	--	--
Poor.....	22	20	9	7
Fair.....	28	33	65	63
Good.....	44	42	26	29
Excellent.....	--	--	--	1
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	1
Poor.....	--	1	--	2
Fair.....	27	26	3	7
Good.....	73	72	45	62
Excellent.....	--	--	52	28
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	8	2	--	1
Poor.....	8	7	12	6
Fair.....	40	37	56	39
Good.....	35	41	24	46
Excellent.....	9	13	8	8
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	12	17	--	9
Poor.....	12	15	3	7
Fair.....	31	35	48	29
Good.....	41	32	48	51
Excellent.....	4	1	1	4

NA – not available

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