

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 30, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: The weekend brought moderate showers to the Northeastern corner of the State, with local rainfall totals over one inch, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The majority of the state received isolated precipitation at best. Higher than normal daily high temperatures, accompanied by slightly higher daily low temperatures and below average precipitation increased drought conditions in the State. Livestock producers resorted to decreasing cattle numbers, purchasing out of state hay for feed, or hauling water due to dry native pasture conditions. The United States Drought Monitor released on August 25 indicated that extreme drought (D3) covered 21.9 percent of the State, up from 15.1 percent last week. Severe drought (D2) covered 40.3 percent of the State and moderate drought (D1) covered 32.5 percent. Abnormal dryness plagued 5.3 percent of the State. Topsoil moisture levels increased to 91 percent short to very short this week, compared to 68 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 52 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 55 percent poor to very poor, compared with 44 percent last week, 42 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 29 percent. Pecan nut set was reported as 4 percent light, 85 percent moderate and 10 percent heavy, compared with 9 percent light, 80 percent moderate, and 10 percent heavy last year. Hail damage across all crops was reported as 1 percent light. Wind damage across all crops was reported as 5 percent light and 3 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 15 percent very short, 44 percent short, 40 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 13 percent very short, 41 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 26 percent very short, 41 percent short, and 33 percent adequate, compared with 25 percent very short, 37 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	80	77	87	NA
4 th cutting harvested	62	57	71	74
5 th cutting harvested	12	6	27	36
Chile				
Green harvested	53	44	48	54
Corn				
Silked	83	80	85	NA
Doughed	62	51	42	61
Dented	37	27	21	25
Mature	10	NA	NA	NA
Harvested for silage	9	NA	24	31
Cotton				
Setting bolls	92	78	55	77
Bolls opening	11	2	6	19
Winter wheat				
Planted	6	3	18	10
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed	74	79	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed	66	59	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	6.7	6.5	6.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	39	35	22	14
Short	52	50	46	38
Adequate	9	15	30	43
Surplus	--	--	2	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	46	38	22	16
Short	46	47	51	34
Adequate	8	15	27	47
Surplus	--	--	--	3

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	1	4
Poor.....	4	6	4	7
Fair.....	34	40	20	24
Good.....	50	44	60	50
Excellent.....	10	8	15	15
Chile				
Very poor.....	6	7	--	NA
Poor.....	8	10	6	NA
Fair.....	32	24	35	NA
Good.....	42	45	53	NA
Excellent.....	12	14	6	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	1
Poor.....	1	3	8	5
Fair.....	40	37	48	31
Good.....	28	34	28	43
Excellent.....	30	25	16	20
Cotton				
Very poor.....	5	7	1	1
Poor.....	21	22	18	12
Fair.....	54	50	48	34
Good.....	15	16	22	42
Excellent.....	5	5	11	11
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	20	13	16	7
Poor.....	35	31	26	22
Fair.....	32	35	31	37
Good.....	8	15	22	28
Excellent.....	5	6	5	6
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	5	6	--	--
Poor.....	20	22	9	5
Fair.....	33	28	65	66
Good.....	42	44	26	28
Excellent.....	--	--	--	1
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	--	--	1
Fair.....	27	27	2	6
Good.....	72	73	39	63
Excellent.....	--	--	59	30
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	11	8	1	1
Poor.....	7	8	13	6
Fair.....	44	40	50	38
Good.....	30	35	30	48
Excellent.....	8	9	6	7
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	15	12	1	8
Poor.....	11	12	7	7
Fair.....	25	31	40	26
Good.....	46	41	50	54
Excellent.....	3	4	2	5

NA – not available

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