

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 3, 2022

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** A third week of an active monsoon continued to benefit crop and pasture conditions across much of New Mexico, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Weekly rainfall totals were still heaviest in several western counties, although a boost was noted in some eastern locations. Another slight improvement in soil moisture was evident during the week. Statewide, topsoil moisture was reported as 88 percent very short to short, compared with 90 percent last week, 60 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 66 percent. Rainfall continued to aid firefighters battling the fires burning across the State, and allowed several Bureau of Land Management areas to lift fire restrictions. There was no growth of the Calf Canyon and Hermits Peak fire complex during the week, while containment hovered around 93 percent. Similarly, on June 27, command of the Black Fire was returned to a local Type 3 organization following successful firefighting efforts that led to 70 percent containment. Reports from Union County noted that livestock remained in wheat fields, while producers were busy planting the last of the county's intended corn acreage. Rainfall across the county was limited during the week, providing little moisture to help reverse spotty pasture conditions. Statewide, 66 percent of the pastures and ranges were reported in very poor or poor condition, compared with 71 percent last week, 67 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 53 percent. Supplement feeding needs remained high, although declines were noted for both the cattle and sheep herds when compared with last week. Where conditions allowed, producers were busy harvesting alfalfa hay, onions, and winter wheat for grain, with progress behind normal for all three crops. Converted moisture totals during the past week ranged from approximately 6 inches in portions of west-central New Mexico to merely a trace in some eastern counties. Despite the widespread moisture, total weekly accumulations for several locations were well below average, with large portions of Chaves, Curry, Eddy, and Roosevelt Counties recording rainfall totals 5 percent of normal or less. Following three weeks of an active monsoon, yearly precipitation for most counties across the State grew to more than 2.5 inches, with pockets of Catron, Cibola, Mora, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, San Miguel, Santa Fe, and Socorro Counties totaling 10 inches or more. The driest areas remained in portions of Chaves, Eddy, and Lea Counties, where precipitation has totaled 25 percent of normal or less, affecting large acreages of cotton, dry hay, and haylage, as well as large percentages of the cattle and sheep herds. According to the United States Drought Monitor for June 28, a roughly one category improvement was noted virtually Statewide thanks to the continued monsoon. Approximately 58 percent of the State remains in the exceptional (D4) or extreme (D3) drought categories – 11.8 and 46.6 percent, respectively. Severe drought (D2) jumped by nearly 30 percentage points during the week and was categorized across 36.8 percent of New Mexico. Moderate drought (D1) was present across 3.3 percent. Abnormal dryness was reintroduced to 1.5 percent of the State, confined to Dona Ana and Otero Counties. No hail damage was reported during the week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 12 percent light, 8 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 25 percent very short, 24 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 35 percent very short, 34 percent short, 30 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 33 percent very short, 31 percent short, and 36 percent adequate, compared with 46 percent very short, 19 percent short, 31 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus last year.

### 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.....	55	45	59	59
Corn				
Planted .....	95	93	NA	NA
Emerged .....	89	79	94	92
Silked.....	1	NA	1	2
Cotton				
Emerged .....	95	89	94	89
Squaring .....	12	8	19	27
Onions				
Harvested .....	58	45	32	61
Peanuts				
Emerged .....	90	75	92	NA
Pegging .....	24	4	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Harvested for grain .....	47	44	63	69
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	74	78	75	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	70	75	75	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.....	6.3	6.3	5.2	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	49	52	20	29
Short.....	39	38	40	37
Adequate.....	11	10	32	31
Surplus.....	1	--	8	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	45	49	27	29
Short.....	46	43	54	45
Adequate.....	9	8	18	25
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	--	4
Poor.....	14	12	13	7
Fair.....	31	35	50	31
Good.....	35	40	20	51
Excellent.....	19	12	17	7
Chile				
Very poor.....	4	4	--	1
Poor.....	13	13	11	8
Fair.....	28	28	19	33
Good.....	42	42	44	47
Excellent.....	13	13	26	11
Corn				
Very poor.....	4	4	--	3
Poor.....	6	6	4	6
Fair.....	35	40	54	47
Good.....	10	10	25	28
Excellent.....	45	40	17	16
Cotton				
Very poor.....	5	5	--	2
Poor.....	16	16	30	15
Fair.....	53	53	43	46
Good.....	22	23	18	30
Excellent.....	4	3	9	7
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	14	17	32	19
Poor.....	52	54	35	34
Fair.....	25	22	20	32
Good.....	7	6	10	13
Excellent.....	2	1	3	2
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	5	5	--	1
Poor.....	7	7	9	13
Fair.....	75	75	73	56
Good.....	13	13	18	30
Excellent.....	--	--	--	--
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	5	5	3	1
Fair.....	23	23	10	13
Good.....	31	31	87	69
Excellent.....	41	41	--	17
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	50	55	29	NA
Poor.....	15	20	26	NA
Fair.....	8	6	31	NA
Good.....	12	7	7	NA
Excellent.....	15	12	7	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	3	3	4	2
Poor.....	26	28	17	9
Fair.....	32	30	39	40
Good.....	23	23	33	42
Excellent.....	16	16	7	7
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	4	5	21	9
Poor.....	17	18	15	8
Fair.....	30	34	29	36
Good.....	45	40	35	46
Excellent.....	4	3	--	1

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