

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 2, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Weather conditions across New Mexico had most crops in fair to excellent condition, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. With 74 percent of the onion crop and 86 percent of the pecan crop reported in excellent condition, these two major New Mexican crops were fairing much better when compared with 2022. Producers had 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork last week, allowing ample time for planting, cultivation, and harvest, depending on crop. Chile emergence advanced from 79 to 92 percent, cotton emergence increased from 69 percent to 79 percent, and the peanut emergence increased from 49 to 78 percent complete. Winter wheat harvested for grain fell further behind progress from both last year and the 5-year average. Northeastern New Mexico received up to 1.1 inches of rain last week, while southeastern New Mexico received up to 1.0 inch of rain according to NOAA Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service. The rest of the State, however, was mostly dry. Average temperatures were varied, according to the High Plains Regional Climate Center. Rio Arriba County reported that higher winds and the lack of precipitation were taking a toll on the lower rangelands. Reports from Union County mentioned improvement in rangeland conditions due to the rainfall received over the week, with even pastures that have been heavily grazed showing an uptick in growth. Additionally, replanted corn fields have emerged. Last week, the United States Drought Monitor categorized 18.9 percent of New Mexico as experiencing moderate drought or worse. Of the area affected by drought, 6.9 percent was in severe drought (D2) and 12.0 percent in moderate drought (D1). For the remaining area, 25.2 percent was abnormally dry (D0), and 55.9 percent of the State was drought-free. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 5 percent severe, 5 percent moderate, and 5 percent light. Wind damage was minimal. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 29 percent very short, 50 percent short, 18 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 45 percent very short, 21 percent short, 33 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
1 st cutting harvested	93	89	NA	NA
2 nd cutting harvested	52	44	54	57
Chile Peppers				
Emerged	92	79	NA	NA
Corn				
Planted	96	93	95	NA
Emerged	86	73	88	89
Cotton				
Planted	96	92	NA	NA
Emerged	79	69	94	89
Onions				
Harvested	55	49	56	54
Peanuts				
Emerged	78	49	88	NA
Winter Wheat				
Harvested for grain	23	20	47	58
Cattle and Calves				
Receiving supplemental feed	60	62	74	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed	20	23	70	NA

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELD WORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.9	6.8	6.3	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	32	31	49	37
Short	32	32	39	38
Adequate	35	36	11	23
Surplus	1	1	1	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	34	32	45	35
Short	32	33	46	47
Adequate	34	35	9	18
Surplus	--	--	--	--

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	--	--	1	4
Poor	3	1	14	8
Fair	10	16	31	30
Good	45	37	35	47
Excellent.....	42	46	19	11
Chile Peppers				
Very poor	--	--	4	1
Poor	30	35	13	10
Fair	22	20	28	29
Good	16	20	42	49
Excellent.....	32	30	13	11
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	4	2
Poor	--	--	6	5
Fair	7	--	35	47
Good	57	63	10	23
Excellent.....	36	37	45	23
Cotton				
Very poor	--	--	5	1
Poor	7	--	16	18
Fair	45	50	53	47
Good	35	30	22	28
Excellent.....	13	20	4	6
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	NA	NA
Poor	--	--	NA	NA
Fair	1	--	NA	NA
Good	25	30	NA	NA
Excellent.....	74	70	NA	NA
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	15	10	14	20
Poor	20	18	52	39
Fair	40	43	25	29
Good	10	9	7	11
Excellent.....	15	20	2	1
Pecans				
Very poor	1	--	--	--
Poor	1	--	5	2
Fair	1	--	23	16
Good	11	15	31	61
Excellent.....	86	85	41	21
Winter wheat				
Very poor	10	15	50	NA
Poor	30	35	15	NA
Fair	20	20	8	NA
Good	15	10	12	NA
Excellent.....	25	20	15	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	2	2	3	3
Poor	3	2	26	14
Fair	35	33	32	40
Good	48	48	23	35
Excellent.....	12	15	16	8
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	4	9
Poor	2	2	17	10
Fair	25	30	30	36
Good	70	64	45	43
Excellent.....	3	4	4	2

NA – not available

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