

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 9, 2023

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** It was a hot and somewhat dry week in New Mexico, but the crops continued to fare well, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The majority of all crops were reported to be in fair to excellent condition; better than conditions last year and the 5-year average. Notable crop progress last week was seen in cotton fields, where squaring began, and with the peanut crop that started pegging. There were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Chile emergence was nearing completion, cotton emergence increased from 79 percent to 90 percent, and the peanut emergence increased from 78 to 93 percent complete. In Union County, corn fields that suffered hail damage had been replanted and the newly emerged crop was in good condition. Some winter wheat in northeastern New Mexico was also lost to hail, but a Union County reporter noted the remaining wheat was being harvested and baled. The wheat harvest across the State remained significantly behind the 5-year average, at 40 percent complete. Eastern New Mexico received up to 2 inches of scattered rain last week, 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, and ranged from 1-8 degrees above normal for most of the State. Due to high temperatures and low precipitation, reports from Mora County said rangelands were starting to brown. Drought conditions remained nearly unchanged from the previous week, according to the United States Drought Monitor, with most of the State categorized as drought-free. 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, 25.3 percent was abnormally dry (D0), and 55.8 percent of the State was drought-free. There was no hail damage to crops. Wind damage was minimal. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 20 percent very short, 43 percent short, 25 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 37 percent very short, 16 percent short, 42 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested .....	95	93	NA	NA
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	62	52	68	66
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested .....	2	NA	NA	NA
Chile Peppers				
Emerged .....	95	92	NA	NA
Corn				
Emerged .....	90	86	95	NA
Cotton				
Emerged .....	90	79	NA	NA
Squaring.....	9	--	23	34
Onions				
Harvested.....	62	55	66	66
Peanuts				
Emerged .....	93	78	98	NA
Pegging.....	5	--	32	22
Winter Wheat				
Harvested for grain .....	40	23	60	71
Cattle and Calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	18	60	75	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	15	20	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.....	6.6	6.9	6.6	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	23	32	44	34
Short .....	33	32	40	38
Adequate.....	44	35	15	26
Surplus.....	--	1	1	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	25	34	40	32
Short .....	34	32	50	47
Adequate.....	41	34	10	21
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)
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	1	5
Poor .....	5	3	12	7
Fair .....	8	10	30	31
Good .....	54	45	41	47
Excellent .....	33	42	16	10
<b>Chile Peppers</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	4	1
Poor .....	21	30	13	8
Fair .....	13	22	25	29
Good .....	25	16	44	49
Excellent .....	41	32	14	13
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	4	1
Poor .....	6	--	10	4
Fair .....	8	7	33	48
Good .....	48	57	12	25
Excellent .....	38	36	41	22
<b>Cotton</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	5	1
Poor .....	11	7	16	19
Fair .....	38	45	53	48
Good .....	29	35	23	27
Excellent .....	22	13	3	5
<b>Pasture and Range</b>				
Very poor .....	15	15	9	17
Poor .....	11	20	49	38
Fair .....	31	40	34	31
Good .....	19	10	6	11
Excellent .....	24	15	2	3
<b>Pecans</b>				
Very poor .....	--	1	--	--
Poor .....	--	1	5	4
Fair .....	1	1	22	17
Good .....	17	11	32	61
Excellent .....	82	86	41	18
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor .....	6	10	NA	NA
Poor .....	28	30	NA	NA
Fair .....	21	20	NA	NA
Good .....	11	15	NA	NA
Excellent .....	34	25	NA	NA
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor .....	--	2	2	3
Poor .....	3	3	23	12
Fair .....	26	35	34	40
Good .....	50	48	27	36
Excellent .....	21	12	14	9
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	1	8
Poor .....	--	2	15	9
Fair .....	18	25	32	35
Good .....	70	70	50	45
Excellent .....	12	3	2	3

NA – not available

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