

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 16, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Hot temperatures were prevalent across New Mexico last week, and were accompanied by scattered precipitation, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The majority of all crops remained in fair to excellent condition; better than conditions last year and the 5-year average. Notable crop progress last week was seen in corn fields, where silking began, and with progress made in the 3rd cutting of alfalfa hay. There were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Corn, cotton, and peanuts emergence was virtually complete. Winter wheat for grain harvest increased from 40 to 62 percent last week, but was still behind the 5-year average of 80 percent. In Union County, spotty precipitation was received. Corn that was replanted after receiving hail damage was emerged. Winter wheat harvest continued in the area. Pasture and range conditions remained mostly good to excellent, but areas that did not receive precipitation were beginning to show signs of stress. Roosevelt County reports noted hot temperatures adversely affected crop and range conditions, but isolated moisture remained beneficial. Portions of northeastern, central, and southwestern New Mexico received over 2 inches of rain last week, according to NOAA Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service. Southeastern counties received less moisture overall, and the northwest part of the State was mostly dry. Average temperatures were varied, according to the High Plains Regional Climate Center, and ranged from 1-9 degrees above normal for most of the State. A few localities in northeastern counties experienced temperatures 1 to 4 degrees below average. Drought conditions improved slightly from the previous week, according to the United States Drought Monitor, with well over half of the State categorized as drought-free. Of the area affected by drought, 6.4 percent was in severe drought (D2) and 11.8 percent in moderate drought (D1). For the remaining area, 23.0 percent was abnormally dry (D0), and 58.7 percent of the State was drought-free. Hail damage to crops was reported as 1 percent moderate and 1 percent light. Wind damage was reported as 14 percent light. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 26 percent very short, 39 percent short, 24 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 40 percent very short, 21 percent short, 37 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	67	62	79	76
3 rd cutting harvested.....	8	2	11	29
Corn				
Emerged.....	96	90	NA	NA
Silked.....	2	--	10	14
Cotton				
Emerged.....	95	90	NA	NA
Squaring.....	15	9	34	46
Onions				
Harvested.....	66	62	76	78
Peanuts				
Emerged.....	97	93	NA	NA
Pegging.....	18	5	52	40
Winter Wheat				
Harvested for grain.....	62	40	75	80

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.....	6.5	6.6	6.6	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	32	23	40	31
Short.....	30	33	44	41
Adequate.....	38	44	16	26
Surplus.....	--	--	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	33	25	40	31
Short.....	34	34	46	46
Adequate.....	33	41	14	22
Surplus.....	--	--	--	1

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	7
Poor	5	5	10	6
Fair.....	9	8	26	29
Good.....	60	54	48	46
Excellent	26	33	15	12
Chile Peppers				
Very poor	--	--	5	1
Poor	18	21	14	9
Fair.....	16	13	26	27
Good.....	26	25	48	51
Excellent	40	41	7	12
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	4	1
Poor	11	6	13	6
Fair.....	12	8	35	43
Good.....	42	48	15	27
Excellent	35	38	33	23
Cotton				
Very poor	--	--	5	1
Poor	13	11	16	18
Fair.....	36	38	54	48
Good.....	28	29	24	27
Excellent	23	22	1	6
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	14	15	7	15
Poor	10	11	46	37
Fair.....	27	31	38	33
Good.....	24	19	7	11
Excellent	25	24	2	4
Peanuts				
Very poor	--	NA	5	2
Poor	25	NA	7	11
Fair.....	50	NA	75	57
Good.....	25	NA	13	30
Excellent	--	NA	--	--
Pecans				
Very poor	1	--	1	1
Poor	1	--	7	4
Fair.....	2	1	24	15
Good.....	16	17	34	62
Excellent	80	82	34	18
Winter wheat				
Very poor	10	6	NA	NA
Poor	31	28	NA	NA
Fair.....	25	21	NA	NA
Good.....	6	11	NA	NA
Excellent	28	34	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	1	--	2	4
Poor	8	3	22	14
Fair.....	27	26	39	39
Good.....	40	50	29	34
Excellent	24	21	8	9
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	4	--	--	7
Poor	4	--	12	7
Fair.....	16	18	32	35
Good.....	65	70	52	46
Excellent	11	12	4	5

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 (--) – zero