

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 21, 2024

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Nearly all New Mexico producers saw adequate to abundant moisture last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Green chile harvest increased to 15 percent complete. Corn emergence neared completion at 97 percent, and silking increased to 17 percent complete. Corn doughing also increased from 1 percent complete last week to 4 percent complete. Winter wheat harvest was 65 percent complete, up from 57 percent last week. Most cattle remained in fair condition, at 42 percent, while most sheep were in good condition at 55 percent. No crop or livestock losses were reported.

According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data, most of the State saw rainfall totals range from a trace to 3 inches. However, parts of Socorro and Lincoln Counties received up to 5 inches. According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC), temperatures throughout the western part of the State were up to 4 degrees above normal last week, while the northeastern part of the State saw temperatures up to 4 degrees below normal. According to the United States Drought Monitor for July 16, exceptional and extreme drought conditions (D4 and D3) remained unchanged from last week at less than 1 percent and 12 percent, respectively. The worst of the drought conditions continue to be in parts of Eddy County. Severe drought (D2) decreased to less than 12 percent, moderate drought (D1) remained at 27 percent, and abnormal dryness (D0) increased to 35 percent. Drought-free conditions decreased from last week to less than 14 percent.

Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent moderate and 4 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent severe, 10 percent moderate, and 14 percent light. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 23 percent very short, 57 percent short, 19 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 20 percent very short, 66 percent short, and 14 percent adequate last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 30 percent very short, 42 percent short, 27 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 39 percent very short, 40 percent short, and 21 percent adequate last week.

### 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.....	98	93	74	79
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested.....	23	20	14	29
4 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested.....	9	5	NA	NA
Chile				
Green harvested.....	15	1	3	1
Corn				
Emerged.....	97	92	NA	NA
Silking.....	17	10	4	15
Dough.....	4	1	NA	NA
Cotton				
Emerged.....	95	85	NA	NA
Squaring.....	25	21	21	50
Setting Bolls.....	10	7	NA	NA
Onions				
Harvested.....	93	86	73	81
Winter Wheat				
Harvested for grain.....	65	57	73	83
Cattle and Calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	40	53	NA	NA
Sheep and Lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	20	38	NA	NA

NA – not available

(-) – zero

### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.4	6.7	6.6	6.4
Topsoil Moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	25	34	23	25
Short.....	41	47	39	44
Adequate.....	28	19	37	29
Surplus.....	6	--	1	2
Subsoil Moisture				
Very short.....	18	27	24	28
Short.....	52	46	41	46
Adequate.....	28	27	35	25
Surplus.....	2	--	--	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)
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>				
Very poor .....	1	1	--	1
Poor .....	1	4	6	5
Fair .....	53	47	18	30
Good .....	31	35	51	48
Excellent .....	14	13	25	16
<b>Chile</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	2
Poor .....	3	3	25	12
Fair .....	28	25	17	26
Good .....	35	33	27	47
Excellent .....	34	39	31	13
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor .....	3	7	--	2
Poor .....	12	20	9	8
Fair .....	41	32	21	38
Good .....	13	19	37	27
Excellent .....	31	22	33	25
<b>Cotton</b>				
Very Poor.....	5	9	--	2
Poor.....	39	36	16	19
Fair.....	40	40	41	45
Good.....	9	8	29	26
Excellent.....	7	7	14	8
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very Poor.....	20	24	7	10
Poor.....	30	39	19	29
Fair.....	37	31	36	37
Good.....	8	5	18	16
Excellent.....	5	1	20	8
<b>Pecans</b>				
Very Poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	6	4	1	2
Fair.....	20	16	2	17
Good.....	39	24	25	51
Excellent.....	35	56	71	29
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very Poor.....	5	6	2	2
Poor.....	20	24	11	10
Fair.....	42	51	36	39
Good.....	21	16	31	36
Excellent.....	12	3	20	13
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor .....	1	1	8	5
Poor .....	2	2	9	8
Fair .....	41	38	24	33
Good .....	55	57	56	50
Excellent .....	1	2	3	4

NA – not available

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