

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 4, 2024

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Most precipitation fell across the southwestern and northeastern areas of New Mexico last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Green chile harvest increased to 27 percent complete. The cotton crop was 46 percent squared and 37 percent had started setting bolls. Winter wheat harvest neared completion, at 95 percent complete, up from 84 percent last week. Most cattle remained in fair condition, at 40 percent, while most sheep were in good condition at 54 percent. No crop or livestock losses were reported.

According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data, most of the State saw rainfall totals up to 1 inch. However, portions of San Miguel and Union County received up to 3 inches. Northern corners and southeastern counties of the State little to no moisture. According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC), temperatures in the State ranged from 4 to 6 degrees above normal last week, while some parts of Guadalupe and Quay Counties saw temperatures up to 8 degrees above normal. According to the United States Drought Monitor for July 30, exceptional and extreme drought conditions (D4 and D3) remained unchanged from last week at zero percent and 9 percent, respectively. The worst of the drought conditions continue to be in parts of Chaves, Eddy, and Otero Counties. Severe drought (D2) remained unchanged less than 14 percent, moderate drought (D1) remained unchanged at 25 percent, and abnormal dryness (D0) remained unchanged 35 percent. Drought-free conditions also remained unchanged from last week at 17 percent. In Union County, conditions remained dry and fire danger was observed as extreme. Crops were in good condition, but progress varied widely according to local reports.

Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent moderate and 1 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent severe, 8 percent moderate, and 12 percent light. Pecan nut set was reported as 5 percent heavy, 66 percent moderate, and 29 percent light. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 21 percent very short, 47 percent short, 30 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 24 percent very short, 48 percent short, 26 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 28 percent very short, 53 percent short, 17 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 32 percent very short, 48 percent short, and 20 percent adequate last week.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested .....	50	41	39	50
4 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested .....	25	12	NA	NA
Chile				
Green harvested .....	27	25	31	17
Corn				
Silking .....	35	20	29	45
Dough .....	9	6	NA	NA
Dented .....	2	NA	NA	NA
Cotton				
Squaring .....	46	42	49	72
Setting Bolls.....	37	33	NA	NA
Bolls Opening .....	5	NA	NA	NA
Winter Wheat				
Harvested for grain .....	95	84	96	NA
Cattle and Calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	28	30	NA	NA
Sheep and Lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	36	21	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.....	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.6
Topsoil Moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	36	30	35	27
Short .....	40	39	40	44
Adequate.....	22	30	25	28
Surplus.....	2	1	--	1
Subsoil Moisture				
Very short.....	27	24	32	34
Short .....	43	50	45	45
Adequate.....	27	25	23	21
Surplus.....	3	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
Poor .....	--	--	6	5
Fair .....	53	55	28	28
Good .....	30	31	43	46
Excellent .....	17	14	23	20
<b>Chile</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	2
Poor .....	--	--	25	11
Fair .....	11	20	15	26
Good .....	32	32	29	45
Excellent .....	57	48	31	16
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	1
Poor .....	4	3	11	7
Fair .....	44	44	21	40
Good .....	17	20	35	27
Excellent .....	35	33	33	25
<b>Cotton</b>				
Very Poor.....	6	3	--	2
Poor.....	18	24	18	21
Fair.....	21	26	46	44
Good.....	27	28	22	23
Excellent.....	28	19	14	10
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very Poor.....	24	20	21	15
Poor.....	27	30	23	28
Fair.....	36	41	40	38
Good.....	11	8	6	13
Excellent.....	2	1	10	6
<b>Pecans</b>				
Very Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	3	7	4
Fair.....	13	18	9	14
Good.....	33	35	13	51
Excellent.....	53	44	71	31
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very Poor.....	5	4	2	4
Poor.....	13	15	8	12
Fair.....	40	39	40	37
Good.....	32	32	35	37
Excellent.....	10	10	15	10
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	6
Poor .....	9	2	5	9
Fair.....	35	40	36	34
Good.....	54	57	56	47
Excellent.....	2	1	3	4

NA – not available

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