

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 18, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: New Mexico producers experienced high temperatures with low to adequate amounts of moisture last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Green chile harvest increased to 45 percent complete, slightly behind the previous year, but ahead of the five-year average. The cotton crop was 60 percent squared and 45 percent were setting bolls, including 7 percent that had bolls opening. Most cattle were observed to be in fair condition at 41 percent, while sheep remained mostly in good condition at 69 percent. No major crop or livestock loss was reported.

According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data, most of the State recorded between 0.1 and 1.0 inch of precipitation some amount of precipitation last week. The northeast and southwest corners saw the highest amounts, with parts of Union, Grant, and Otero County recording up to 1.5 inches. Reports from Union County noted greening of pastures due to recent rains. The southeast corner of the State recorded little to no precipitation last week. According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC), temperatures across the State ranged from 2 to 8 degrees above normal last week. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for August 13, the State remains free from exceptional drought (D4) conditions. Extreme drought (D3) conditions remained unchanged at 8 percent, severe drought (D2) remained at 15 percent, and moderate drought (D1) conditions decreased to 24 percent. Drought-free (D0) conditions decreased to 35 percent. The worst of the drought conditions continue to be in parts of Chaves, Eddy, and Otero Counties.

Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent moderate and 1 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 2 percent severe, 2 percent moderate, and 6 percent light. Pecan nut set was reported as 10 percent heavy, 61 percent moderate, and 29 percent light. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 25 percent very short, 38 percent short, 34 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared with 23 percent very short, 41 percent short, and 36 percent adequate last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 29 percent very short, 46 percent short, 23 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 23 percent very short, 62 percent short, and 15 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 rd cutting harvested	64	56	70	73
4 th cutting harvested	36	27	12	34
5 th cutting harvested	5	--	NA	NA
Chile				
Green harvested	45	35	53	39
Corn				
Silking	60	46	63	74
Doughed	19	10	15	25
Dented	8	3	NA	NA
Harvested for silage	4	--	NA	NA
Cotton				
Squaring	60	54	85	NA
Setting Bolls	45	39	51	53
Bolls Opening	7	6	NA	NA
Cattle and Calves				
Receiving supplemental feed	24	25	NA	NA
Sheep and Lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed	25	25	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	6.8	6.7	6.9	6.5
Topsoil Moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	36	42	37	27
Short	34	41	44	42
Adequate	25	16	18	29
Surplus	5	1	1	2
Subsoil Moisture				
Very short	30	36	39	32
Short	40	45	46	44
Adequate	28	19	15	23
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)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	2	--	--	1
Poor	4	--	1	5
Fair	35	44	29	31
Good	39	30	44	48
Excellent	20	26	26	15
Chile				
Very poor	--	--	--	3
Poor	5	--	7	10
Fair	18	9	15	23
Good	34	25	43	45
Excellent	43	66	35	19
Corn				
Very poor	3	--	--	1
Poor	22	13	7	7
Fair	32	35	19	36
Good	11	8	23	26
Excellent	32	44	51	30
Cotton				
Very Poor.....	6	2	--	3
Poor.....	22	13	11	20
Fair.....	34	25	37	43
Good.....	14	23	20	23
Excellent.....	24	37	32	11
Pasture and range				
Very Poor.....	10	15	19	12
Poor.....	29	36	24	29
Fair.....	35	39	29	34
Good.....	16	7	15	17
Excellent.....	10	3	13	8
Pecans				
Very Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	3	1	3
Fair.....	17	8	1	12
Good.....	29	27	9	52
Excellent.....	53	62	89	33
Cattle and calves				
Very Poor.....	3	2	3	4
Poor.....	6	10	9	10
Fair.....	41	37	28	34
Good.....	35	41	32	36
Excellent.....	15	10	28	16
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	1	--	12	11
Poor	2	3	12	10
Fair.....	26	32	33	33
Good.....	69	63	42	43
Excellent.....	2	2	1	3

NA – not available

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