

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 7, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: The majority of New Mexico received some moisture last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Nearly all of the chile peppers had emerged, at 95 percent complete, up from 73 percent last week. Corn emergence increased to 78 percent, and silking increased to 4 percent complete. Winter wheat harvest was in full swing with 48 percent complete, up from 45 percent last week. Most cattle remained in fair condition, coming in at 47 percent, while 48 percent of the sheep were in good condition. There were some reports of death loss in calves due to the heat in Dona Ana County.

According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data, rainfall varied from a trace up to 3 inches. According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC), average temperatures throughout the northern part of the State were recorded below normal, but the southern part of the State was above normal by 3 to 6 degrees last week. According to the United States Drought Monitor for July 2, 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 focused on parts of Eddy County. Severe drought (D2) decreased to 12 percent, moderate drought (D1) covered 32 percent, and abnormal dryness (D0) covered 31 percent. Drought-free conditions jumped from last week to 12 percent in the west central part of the State.

Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent severe, 14 percent moderate, and 19 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 2 percent severe, 8 percent moderate, and 9 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 24 percent very short, 48 percent short, 27 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 44 percent very short, 34 percent short, 20 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 37 percent very short, 35 percent short, 27 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	80	78	59	61
3 rd cutting harvested.....	15	10	NA	NA
4 th cutting harvested.....	2	1	NA	NA
Chile				
Emerged.....	95	73	94	NA
Corn				
Emerged.....	78	75	89	NA
Silking.....	4	2	--	3
Cotton				
Emerged.....	75	70	87	NA
Squaring.....	15	10	6	26
Setting Bolls.....	4	1	NA	NA
Onions				
Harvested.....	80	79	60	58
Winter Wheat				
Harvested for grain.....	48	45	35	59
Cattle and Calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	42	59	18	NA
Sheep and Lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	15	26	15	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.....	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.4
Topsoil Moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	26	34	23	30
Short.....	45	38	33	38
Adequate.....	28	27	44	31
Surplus.....	1	1	--	1
Subsoil Moisture				
Very short.....	24	33	25	31
Short.....	48	43	34	44
Adequate.....	27	23	41	25
Surplus.....	1	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	7	10	5	7
Fair	38	29	8	30
Good	35	39	54	48
Excellent	18	21	33	15
Chile				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor	3	3	21	11
Fair	27	26	13	27
Good	33	35	25	45
Excellent	37	36	41	16
Corn				
Very poor	5	7	--	1
Poor	13	11	6	6
Fair	40	31	8	42
Good	20	25	48	23
Excellent	22	26	38	28
Cotton				
Very Poor.....	9	9	--	1
Poor.....	35	35	11	17
Fair.....	41	42	38	45
Good.....	9	9	29	28
Excellent.....	6	5	22	9
Pasture and range				
Very Poor.....	22	28	15	16
Poor	34	30	11	30
Fair.....	33	26	31	32
Good	9	14	19	14
Excellent	2	2	24	8
Pecans				
Very Poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	8	9	--	4
Fair.....	18	14	1	17
Good	26	20	17	46
Excellent.....	48	57	82	33
Cattle and calves				
Very Poor	4	5	--	2
Poor	20	24	3	10
Fair.....	47	44	26	35
Good	25	23	50	41
Excellent	4	4	21	12
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	3	4	--	7
Poor	5	5	--	7
Fair.....	41	50	18	31
Good	48	39	70	50
Excellent	3	2	12	5

NA – not available

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