

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 28, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Good precipitation fell across most central and southwestern areas of New Mexico last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Green chile harvest made good progress, at 25 percent complete, ahead of last year at 19 percent complete. The cotton crop was 42 percent squared and 33 percent had started setting bolls. Winter wheat harvest was 84 percent complete, up from 65 percent last week. Most cattle remained in fair condition, at 39 percent, while most sheep were in good condition at 57 percent. No crop or livestock losses were reported.

According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data, areas of the State saw rainfall totals range from a trace to 3 inches. However, portions of central and southwestern counties received up to 4 inches. The northern corners and southeastern counties in the State received less moisture. 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 and central parts of the State saw temperatures more than 5 degrees below normal. According to the United States Drought Monitor for July 23, exceptional and extreme drought conditions (D4 and D3) decreased from last week to 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) increased to less than 14 percent, moderate drought (D1) decreased to 25 percent, and abnormal dryness (D0) was just under 35 percent. Drought-free conditions increased from last week to 17 percent. In Union County, conditions remained dry and high fire danger was noted. Crops were in good condition, but progress varied widely according to local reports.

Hail damage in all crops was reported as 7 percent moderate and 7 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent severe, 9 percent moderate, and 13 percent light. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 24 percent very short, 48 percent short, 26 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 23 percent very short, 57 percent short, 19 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 32 percent very short, 48 percent short, and 20 percent adequate, compared with 30 percent very short, 42 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				
3 rd cutting harvested	41	23	25	40
4 th cutting harvested	12	9	NA	NA
Chile				
Green harvested	25	15	19	8
Corn				
Silking	20	17	18	30
Dough	6	4	NA	NA
Cotton				
Squaring	42	25	34	62
Setting Bolls	33	10	NA	NA
Onions				
Harvested	95	93	79	NA
Winter Wheat				
Harvested for grain	84	65	88	NA
Cattle and Calves				
Receiving supplemental feed	30	40	NA	NA
Sheep and Lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed	21	20	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	6.7	6.4	6.8	6.4
Topsoil Moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	30	25	27	24
Short	39	41	45	42
Adequate	30	28	28	32
Surplus	1	6	--	2
Subsoil Moisture				
Very short	24	18	26	29
Short	50	52	48	47
Adequate	25	28	26	24
Surplus	1	2	--	--

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	--	1
Poor	--	1	15	7
Fair	55	53	27	30
Good	31	31	42	44
Excellent	14	14	16	18
Chile				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor	--	3	34	13
Fair	20	28	24	28
Good	32	35	20	42
Excellent	48	34	22	16
Corn				
Very poor	--	3	--	1
Poor	3	12	18	8
Fair	44	41	30	41
Good	20	13	28	26
Excellent	33	31	24	24
Cotton				
Very Poor.....	3	5	--	1
Poor.....	24	39	23	20
Fair.....	26	40	48	44
Good.....	28	9	24	25
Excellent.....	19	7	5	10
Pasture and range				
Very Poor.....	20	20	13	12
Poor	30	30	21	26
Fair.....	41	37	45	40
Good	8	8	10	16
Excellent	1	5	11	6
Pecans				
Very Poor	--	--	5	1
Poor.....	3	6	6	3
Fair.....	18	20	11	15
Good	35	39	16	50
Excellent.....	44	35	62	31
Cattle and calves				
Very Poor	4	5	2	2
Poor	15	20	13	11
Fair.....	39	42	45	39
Good	32	21	29	38
Excellent	10	12	11	10
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	1	6	8
Poor	2	2	12	10
Fair.....	40	41	33	32
Good	57	55	47	45
Excellent	1	1	2	5

NA – not available

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