

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 25, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: New Mexico producers experienced above normal temperatures with low to moderate amounts of moisture last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Green chile harvest increased to 49 percent complete, up from 45 percent last week. The cotton crop was 65 percent squared and 46 percent were setting bolls, including 10 percent that had bolls opening. Winter Wheat planting began and was 2 percent complete. Most cattle were observed to be in fair condition at 45 percent, while sheep remained mostly in good condition at 72 percent. No major crop or livestock losses were reported, also some damage to chile and pistachios was reported in Dona Ana and Roosevelt County due to heat and wind.

According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data, most of the State recorded between 0.1 and 2 inch of precipitation last week. Northwestern counties saw the highest amounts, with parts of San Juan and Rio Arriba County recording up to 3 inches. The southeast corner of the State once again saw little to no precipitation last week. According to the High Temperatures across most the State ranged from 2 to 8 degrees above normal last week, according to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC). However, some southeastern counties saw temperatures up to 10 degrees above normal. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for August 20, the State remains free from exceptional drought (D4) conditions. Extreme drought (D3) conditions remained unchanged at 8 percent, severe drought (D2) decreased to 14 percent, and moderate drought (D1) conditions decreased to 22 percent. Drought-free (D0) conditions increased to 36 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, 4 percent moderate, and 4 percent light. Pecan nut set was reported as 19 percent heavy, 56 percent moderate, and 25 percent light. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 21 percent very short, 43 percent short, 35 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 25 percent very short, 38 percent short, 34 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 32 percent very short, 40 percent short, 26 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 29 percent very short, 46 percent short, 23 percent adequate, and 2 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	70	64	78	83
4 th cutting harvested	45	36	19	46
5 th cutting harvested	15	5	NA	NA
Chile				
Green harvested	49	45	58	50
Corn				
Silking	62	60	69	83
Doughed	23	19	24	42
Dented	16	8	NA	NA
Harvested for silage	10	4	NA	NA
Cotton				
Squaring	65	60	91	NA
Setting Bolls	46	45	56	61
Bolls Opening	10	7	NA	NA
Winter Wheat				
Planted	2	NA	NA	NA
Cattle and Calves				
Receiving supplemental feed	20	24	NA	NA
Sheep and Lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed	16	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	6.9	6.8	6.5	6.6
Topsoil Moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	27	36	45	29
Short	35	34	40	42
Adequate	34	25	15	27
Surplus	4	5	--	2
Subsoil Moisture				
Very short	21	30	46	33
Short	42	40	38	44
Adequate	35	28	16	22
Surplus	2	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	2	--	1
Poor	4	4	1	4
Fair	26	35	23	26
Good	54	39	46	50
Excellent	14	20	30	19
Chile				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor	5	5	12	NA
Fair	25	18	21	NA
Good	40	34	40	NA
Excellent	30	43	27	NA
Corn				
Very poor	6	3	--	1
Poor	24	22	2	4
Fair	29	32	28	38
Good	11	11	24	27
Excellent	30	32	46	30
Cotton				
Very Poor.....	6	6	--	2
Poor.....	31	22	15	21
Fair	39	34	35	43
Good.....	9	14	23	23
Excellent.....	15	24	27	11
Pasture and range				
Very Poor.....	10	10	10	11
Poor	34	29	23	28
Fair.....	31	35	25	33
Good	15	16	20	18
Excellent	10	10	22	10
Pecans				
Very Poor	1	--	1	--
Poor.....	1	1	1	2
Fair.....	21	17	1	11
Good	33	29	6	51
Excellent.....	44	53	91	36
Cattle and calves				
Very Poor	3	3	2	4
Poor	9	6	5	8
Fair.....	45	41	25	36
Good	33	35	36	34
Excellent	10	15	32	18
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	1	1	12	9
Poor	2	2	12	8
Fair.....	19	26	32	32
Good	72	69	41	46
Excellent	6	2	3	5

NA – not available

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