

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING AUGUST 1, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: A break in the heavier rains of the last few weeks saw a shift towards more typical weather conditions and temperatures for this time of year, although drought conditions continue to decline across the state, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Hay production and harvest progressed well over the past week in the warmer, drier temperatures with farmers seeing more rapid growth in their crops. This week saw the end of onion harvest across the state draw near with 95 percent of the crop now harvested. A few inches of rain throughout the week helped to maintain the current higher-than-normal humidity in New Mexico which continues to benefit the pasture and range conditions. Reporters noted that with more forage available, livestock producers have stopped selling off or reducing their herds and begun to look for replacement females to add to their operations although there are few replacements available in the market. Statewide, 33 percent of the State’s pastures and rangelands were reported in very poor or poor condition, compared with 47 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 43 percent. During the past week, converted moisture totals ranged from about 6 inches to merely a trace, with most of the state receiving 0-2 inches. Light rainfall was widespread, with heavier concentrations in the southeastern and the northwestern corners. Total accumulations were well above average in a few scattered areas of the state and well below average in other areas. According to the United States Drought Monitor for July 27, drought-free conditions existed across an area equal to 7.7 percent of the State, a small increase from last week’s 7.2 percent. Abnormal dryness increased to cover 10.6 percent of the State. Moderate drought (D1) increased, and was present across 15.2 percent of New Mexico, while severe drought (D2) rose to 29.3 percent. Significant changes were evident in extreme (D3) and exceptional (D4) drought, with 28.2 and 9.0 percent of the State classified in the two categories, respectively. Collectively, about 45,247 square miles were still affected by extreme and exceptional drought. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 55 percent short to very short, compared with 82 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 67 percent. No hail or wind damage were reported this week for all crops. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 10 percent very short, 34 percent short, 55 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 8 percent very short, 33 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 15 percent very short, 22 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 23 percent very short, 41 percent short, and 36 percent adequate last year.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
3 rd cutting harvested	53	40	57	65
4 th cutting harvested	8	5	26	33
Chile				
Green harvested.....	9	3	8	12
Corn				
Silked	47	28	47	52
Doughed	10	--	NA	NA
Cotton				
Squaring	75	55	86	80
Setting bolls.....	25	20	46	37
Onions				
Harvested.....	95	77	NA	NA
Peanuts				
Pegging.....	85	77	87	53
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	60	65	79	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	74	81	63	NA

NA – not available
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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.8	6.3	6.3	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	24	15	33	24
Short.....	31	38	49	43
Adequate	42	41	18	31
Surplus	3	6	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	30	22	40	28
Short.....	37	46	48	40
Adequate	32	30	12	31
Surplus	1	2	--	1

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	4
Poor	3	7	4	5
Fair.....	28	37	30	26
Good	39	35	48	56
Excellent	30	21	16	9
Chile				
Very poor.....	--	--	6	2
Poor	10	10	7	5
Fair.....	22	22	36	31
Good	37	42	51	49
Excellent	31	26	--	13
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	2
Poor	4	3	1	4
Fair.....	40	49	46	36
Good	35	31	26	38
Excellent	21	17	26	20
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	5	3
Poor	19	22	20	15
Fair.....	40	41	52	44
Good	31	28	15	31
Excellent	10	9	8	7
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	16	14	18	13
Poor	17	23	29	30
Fair.....	37	31	37	38
Good	20	22	12	16
Excellent	10	10	4	3
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	--	5	2
Poor	9	9	17	10
Fair.....	46	48	43	60
Good	45	43	35	28
Excellent	--	--	--	--
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	5	1	--
Fair.....	10	14	22	9
Good	90	81	69	62
Excellent	--	--	8	29
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	5	4	2	2
Poor	8	11	7	9
Fair.....	26	35	46	42
Good	51	42	40	41
Excellent	10	8	5	6
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	17	13	14	11
Poor	14	5	12	9
Fair.....	19	25	37	31
Good	40	49	37	46
Excellent	10	8	--	3

NA – not available

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