

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 11, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: A second week of above average rainfall brought relief to the drought wrought state, resulting in notable improvements in pasture and range conditions in many parts of the state, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Although the additional moisture caused some delays in harvest, it provided a much-needed boost for growing crops. Reports from Dona Ana county noted a severe storm in the past week that brought slight wind damage with it. Pasture conditions are seeing an upturn according to reports from multiple counties, and livestock producers lessened or stopped supplemental feeding in Curry county as the week brought around 5-10+ inches of rainfall. San Juan rangeland and soil conditions are still on the dry side, but irrigation is going strong in parts of the county. Statewide, 53 percent of the State’s pastures and rangelands were reported in very poor or poor condition, compared with 58 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 46 percent. During the past week, converted moisture totals ranged from more than 8 inches to merely a trace. Rainfall was fairly widespread, and heavier across the south and east, with total accumulations well above average in many locations. According to the United States Drought Monitor for June 29, drought-free conditions existed across an area equal to 3.6 percent of the State, up from last week’s 1 percent. Abnormal dryness increased to cover 8.2 percent of the State. Moderate drought (D1) increased, and was present across 11.1 percent of New Mexico, while severe drought (D2) rose slightly to 27.8 percent. Small changes were evident in extreme (D3) and exceptional (D4) drought, with 23.7 and 25.7 percent of the State classified in the two categories, respectively. Collectively, about 59,979 square miles were still affected by extreme and exceptional drought. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 54 percent short to very short, compared with 81 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 72 percent. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent light and 1 percent moderate. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 8 percent light and 4 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 30 percent very short, 30 percent short, 39 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 3 percent very short, 38 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 31 percent very short, 24 percent short, 42 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared with 21 percent very short, 51 percent short, and 28 percent adequate last year.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	68	60	69	72
3 rd cutting harvested	15	15	33	40
Corn				
Silked	6	1	10	10
Cotton				
Squaring	33	20	49	43
Setting bolls.....	1	NA	1	NA
Onions				
Harvested.....	47	35	76	80
Peanuts				
Pegging.....	16	11	59	NA
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	70	66	87	83
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	70	75	78	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	79	75	71	NA
NA – not available				
(--) – zero				

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	5.9	5.2	6.5	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	13	20	44	29
Short.....	41	40	37	43
Adequate	41	32	19	27
Surplus	5	8	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	22	27	43	26
Short.....	53	54	41	45
Adequate	24	18	16	29
Surplus	1	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.....	--	--	1	5
Poor	11	13	7	6
Fair.....	53	50	33	29
Good	25	20	50	53
Excellent	11	17	9	7
Chile				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	--
Poor	10	11	6	5
Fair.....	21	19	40	31
Good	42	44	54	52
Excellent	26	26	--	12
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	3
Poor	4	4	2	3
Fair.....	52	54	60	42
Good	23	25	12	36
Excellent	21	17	25	16
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor	30	30	17	14
Fair.....	43	43	54	45
Good	18	18	29	32
Excellent	9	9	--	7
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor	27	5	NA	NA
Fair.....	19	15	NA	NA
Good	27	31	NA	NA
Excellent	27	49	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	23	32	25	12
Poor	30	35	33	34
Fair.....	24	20	30	36
Good	13	10	11	16
Excellent	10	3	1	2
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor	9	9	11	7
Fair.....	73	73	56	65
Good	18	18	33	28
Excellent	--	--	--	--
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	--
Poor	8	3	5	1
Fair.....	13	10	28	12
Good	79	87	66	62
Excellent	--	--	--	25
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	2	4	7	3
Poor	12	17	5	6
Fair.....	36	39	39	39
Good	42	33	39	44
Excellent	8	7	10	8
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	17	21	15	8
Poor	8	15	6	8
Fair.....	24	29	31	34
Good	44	35	46	48
Excellent	7	--	2	2

NA – not available
 (--) – zero