

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING AUGUST 13, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: As another week of heavy rainfall and monsoonal storms benefitted soil moisture levels and most row crops, flooding, hail, and high winds were detrimental to crops in some areas, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. It was noted that the surplus moisture in chile fields led to the yellowing of some plants. Overall, the crop was reported as 48 percent good to excellent, compared with 46 percent last week and 71 percent last year. Measurable moisture was recorded at all reporting weather stations during the week, with 18 stations totaling over an inch of rainfall. Las Vegas, at 4.78 inches, noted the largest accumulation during the week. Additionally, Clayton, Cloudcroft, Clovis, Conchas Dam, Pasamonte, and Raton reported receiving at least 2 inches of rainfall. Statewide, topsoil moisture levels were reported as 82 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 74 percent last week, 22 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 33 percent. Although moisture was widespread across the State, rainfall totals within some counties continued to vary considerably, with some cases of continued dryness noted in isolated areas. Comments from Grant and Luna Counties noted that some areas had water standing following significant rainfall, while pasture grass in other portions of the counties had yet to show any substantial growth because of continued dry conditions. Statewide, pasture and range conditions were reported as 37 percent good to excellent, compared with 37 percent last week, 27 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 22 percent. Average temperatures ranged from 6 degrees below to 7 degree above normal. Daytime highs varied from 79 degrees at Angel Fire to 98 degrees at Carlsbad, Hachita, and NMSU, marking the first week since the week ending June 4 that daytime highs did not climb to the triple digits. Overnight lows ranged from 44 degrees at Angel Fire, Ocate, and Quemado to 66 degrees at Carlsbad. Hay harvesting in Curry County remained at a virtual standstill. Pecan nut set was reported as 8 percent heavy, 67 percent moderate, and 25 percent light, compared with 8 percent heavy, 76 percent moderate, and 16 percent light last week. Overall, hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent severe, 1 percent moderate, and 7 percent light, compared with 1 percent severe, 1 percent moderate, and 4 percent light last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 4 percent severe, 6 percent moderate, and 12 percent light, compared with 1 percent severe, 4 percent moderate, and 9 percent light last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 4 percent very short, 17 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus, compared with 5 percent very short, 23 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 4 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	92	86	89	90
4 th cutting harvested.....	58	55	50	59
5 th cutting harvested.....	21	12	15	16
Chile				
Green harvested	30	22	20	16
Corn				
Silking	78	68	82	82
Dough.....	21	11	33	28
Dented	1	NA	--	6
Corn harvested for silage.....	9	1	16	6
Cotton				
Squaring	87	79	94	94
Setting bolls.....	47	40	64	68
Peanuts				
Pegging.....	77	69	61	60
Sorghum				
Headed	34	30	32	27
Coloring	5	2	10	3
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	3.9	5.0	6.6	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	7	16	28
Short	15	19	62	39
Adequate	67	65	21	32
Surplus	15	9	1	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	5	15	17	NA
Short	23	25	39	NA
Adequate	70	59	44	NA
Surplus	2	1	--	NA
NA – not available				
(--) – zero				

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	13	10	3	4
Fair.....	13	19	43	29
Good	68	68	47	54
Excellent	6	3	7	11
Chile				
Very poor.....	1	--	1	NA
Poor.....	4	2	7	NA
Fair.....	47	52	21	NA
Good	37	39	49	NA
Excellent	11	7	22	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	5	8	2	1
Poor.....	7	5	4	3
Fair.....	17	20	31	28
Good	50	44	47	40
Excellent	21	23	16	28
Cotton				
Very poor.....	7	7	2	1
Poor.....	6	4	23	11
Fair.....	30	43	34	35
Good	48	40	33	33
Excellent	9	6	8	20
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	4	4	3	21
Poor.....	25	24	23	26
Fair.....	34	35	47	31
Good	28	29	24	19
Excellent	9	8	3	3
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	4
Poor.....	8	4	5	11
Fair.....	70	79	70	69
Good	22	17	25	15
Excellent	--	--	--	1
Pecan				
Very poor.....	2	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	--	--	--
Fair.....	6	4	6	17
Good	79	88	38	56
Excellent	11	8	56	27
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	9	10	--	7
Poor.....	7	8	3	11
Fair.....	40	47	77	39
Good	41	32	19	40
Excellent	3	3	1	3
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	1	2	NA
Poor.....	2	2	4	NA
Fair.....	31	31	36	NA
Good	58	58	53	NA
Excellent	8	8	5	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	6	5	12	NA
Poor.....	6	5	13	NA
Fair.....	26	25	20	NA
Good	56	61	50	NA
Excellent	6	4	5	NA

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New Mexico’s weather data can be accessed at the following:
http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/NM_Weather_08132017.pdf