NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING JULY 23, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Rainfall was fairly widespread, but varied drastically in total accumulation, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. In many cases, weekly rainfall totals remained below average. Thirty-eight of the 45 reporting weather stations received measurable moisture, with Cloudcroft, at 1.97 inches, reporting the largest accumulation during the week. Deming, El Morro, Farmington, NMSU, Redrock, Santa Teresa, and Socorro also recorded over an inch of rainfall. Statewide, topsoil moisture levels were reported as 38 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 44 percent last week, 19 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 27 percent. Average temperatures ranged from 5 degrees below to 6 degrees above normal. Daytime highs varied from 75 degrees at Cloudcroft to 104 degrees at Acme. Overnight lows ranged from 39 degrees at Angel Fire to 70 degrees at Conchas Dam. Reports from Santa Fe and Torrance Counties suggested that the pinto bean crop in the area was in good condition, while the pumpkin crop was either good or very bad. It was noted that in Union County, livestock producers were hauling water to their animals due to the lack of runoff needed to fill ponds. Additionally, producers in the area were preparing fields for winter wheat seeding. Comments from Curry County indicated that the very light rainfall that has been received was doing little to alleviate the dry conditions, so native pastures showed significant decline during the week. Irrigated fields in the county were being heavily watered. The recent moisture received in Grant and Luna Counties boosted the current outlook for native pastures; it was noted, however, that additional rain would be needed to produce and sustain adequate growth for winter feedstuffs. Conversely, reports from Dona Ana County mentioned heavy rainfall that led to some difficulty accessing crop fields, as well as some crop damage. In some cases, dairy workers were having to help cattle through the mud. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent moderate and 2 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent severe, 1 percent moderate and 8 percent light, compared with 1 percent moderate and 4 percent light last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 8 percent very short, 29 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 10 percent very short, 30 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2nd cutting harvested	87	85	88	92
3rd cutting harvested	59	54	61	71
4th cutting harvested	30	20	13	18
Chile				
Green harvested	5	1	1	1
Corn				
Silking	26	15	34	38
Cotton				
Squaring	55	45	68	76
Setting bolls	24	4	15	39
Onions				
Harvested	94	91	93	90
Peanuts				
Pegging	30	17	6	28
Sorghum				
Emerged	98	90	96	NA
Headed	9	6	11	6

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	6.5	6.7	6.9	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	25	16	21	32
Short	37	40	60	41
Adequate	34	43	19	26
Surplus	4	1	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	24	15	17	NA
Short	36	45	44	NA
Adequate	38	39	39	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	11	12	3	4
Fair	23	26	44	33
Good	64	58	46	50
Excellent	2	4	7	11
Chile				
Very poor	--	--	1	NA
Poor	3	1	8	NA
Fair	40	43	20	NA
Good	38	37	51	NA
Excellent	19	19	20	NA
Corn				
Very poor	10	11	--	1
Poor	7	7	2	3
Fair	28	29	33	36
Good	42	41	47	34
Excellent	13	12	18	26
Cotton				
Very poor	8	10	2	1
Poor	5	3	21	11
Fair	43	45	32	39
Good	34	32	32	34
Excellent	10	10	13	15
Pasture and range				
Very poor	9	6	3	25
Poor	32	39	24	28
Fair	36	34	46	27
Good	23	17	25	17
Excellent	--	4	2	3
Peanuts				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor	8	4	4	12
Fair	61	68	82	71
Good	31	28	14	14
Excellent	--	--	--	1
Pecan				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor	2	--	--	1
Fair	4	1	6	21
Good	73	75	39	60
Excellent	21	24	55	17
Sorghum				
Very poor	13	9	--	6
Poor	10	10	2	12
Fair	52	60	78	46
Good	23	19	19	34
Excellent	2	2	1	2
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	2	--	2	NA
Poor	2	1	4	NA
Fair	31	34	35	NA
Good	55	54	54	NA
Excellent	10	11	5	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	10	4	13	NA
Poor	11	6	11	NA
Fair	25	33	18	NA
Good	52	56	54	NA
Excellent	2	1	4	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_07232017.pdf