

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION  
WEEK ENDING JULY 31, 2016

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Despite some scattered showers most of the State is suffering from maintained dry weather and above normal heat that was hampering crop condition but quickening crop growth, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture was reported at 80 percent short to very short, compared with 48 percent last year and a 5-year average of 73 percent. Range and pasture conditions also seem to be effected by the hot and dry weather with 73 percent rated in the fair to poor range, compared to 42 percent the previous year. Reports from Union County indicated high wind and hail damage to a significant amount of the corn crop as well as observed damage to houses, sprinkler systems and other crops. It is believed that the full effects of the storm won't be realized till later in the year. Roosevelt County reported very hot and dry conditions leading to pasture and crop stress. In Grant and Luna County, ranchers were reported needing to haul water to livestock and in Lea County continued dry and windy conditions were reported. Statewide, average temperatures varied from 1 degrees above to 9 degrees above normal. Temperatures at or above the century mark were recorded at 14 of the 46 reporting weather stations, while daytime highs ranged from 105 degrees at NMSU and Deming to 79 degrees at Cloudcroft. Overnight lows varied from 38 degrees at Eagles Nest to 69 degrees at NMSU. Measurable rainfall was seen at every weather station but one, the Otis station. The largest rainfall accumulation was reported at Gran Quivira, where 2.55 inches fell. As of July 31, year-to-date precipitation was at or above normal at just 3 locations statewide. Producers had virtually completed onion harvest by weeks end on this year's crop, 3 percentage points behind last year but 6 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Hail damage in all crops was reported as six percent light and one percent severe. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 34 percent light, four percent moderate and one percent severe. Stock water supplies were reported as 12 percent very short, 21 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested.....	92	88	90	97
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested .....	66	62	69	83
4 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested .....	33	14	25	37
Chile				
Green harvested.....	3	1	4	3
Corn				
Silking .....	60	36	52	56
Cotton				
Squaring .....	89	70	81	88
Setting bolls.....	57	16	58	51
Onions				
Harvested .....	97	94	100	91
Peanuts				
Blooming.....	60	24	55	NA
Pegging.....	31	7	24	43
Sorghum				
Headed .....	15	11	12	10
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.....	6.7	6.9	6.4	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	20	21	13	41
Short .....	60	60	35	32
Adequate .....	19	19	49	25
Surplus .....	1	--	3	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	19	17	9	NA
Short .....	43	44	28	NA
Adequate .....	38	39	62	NA
Surplus .....	--	--	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 .....	--	--	--	4
Poor.....	3	3	7	7
Fair.....	44	44	22	33
Good .....	46	46	42	45
Excellent .....	7	7	29	11
Chile				
Very poor .....	1	1	--	NA
Poor.....	7	8	5	NA
Fair.....	21	20	27	NA
Good .....	51	51	50	NA
Excellent .....	20	20	18	NA
Corn				
Very poor .....	2	--	--	1
Poor.....	3	2	--	6
Fair.....	31	33	8	33
Good .....	49	47	54	33
Excellent .....	15	18	38	27
Cotton				
Very poor .....	2	2	--	3
Poor.....	23	21	1	16
Fair.....	34	32	36	39
Good .....	33	32	53	25
Excellent .....	8	13	10	17
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	3	3	4	34
Poor.....	23	24	6	27
Fair.....	47	46	32	21
Good .....	25	25	46	15
Excellent .....	2	2	12	3
Peanut				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	5	4	--	13
Fair.....	75	82	65	74
Good .....	20	14	29	10
Excellent .....	--	--	6	1
Pecan				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	1	1
Fair.....	6	6	13	26
Good .....	39	39	76	62
Excellent .....	55	55	10	10
Sorghum				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	12
Poor.....	2	2	--	17
Fair.....	78	78	10	36
Good .....	19	19	87	33
Excellent .....	1	1	3	2
Cattle and calves				
Very poor .....	2	2	1	NA
Poor.....	4	4	2	NA
Fair.....	36	35	24	NA
Good .....	53	54	64	NA
Excellent .....	5	5	9	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor .....	13	13	15	NA
Poor.....	14	11	15	NA
Fair.....	21	18	14	NA
Good .....	48	54	52	NA
Excellent .....	4	4	4	NA

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 (--) – zero

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/2016/NM\\_Weather\\_07312016.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/NM_Weather_07312016.pdf)