

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING AUGUST 30, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By and large, much of New Mexico received some rainfall during the week; however, accumulations were minimal in some locations. Given the recent decline in moisture, five weather stations reported below average year-to-date totals. Socorro, El Vado Dam, and Santa Teresa received 1.42, 1.16, and 1.09 inches, respectively. While most areas continued to receive growth-sustaining precipitation, portions of the southwest desperately need increased moisture to boost pasture growth. Average weekly temperatures varied by 9 degrees during the week, ranging from 1 degrees below to 8 degrees above normal. Daytime highs climbed to 101 degrees in Carlsbad, while overnight lows fell to 36 degrees at Eagle Nest. Row crop development advanced at a near-normal pace, as small grain producers began seeding their 2016 winter wheat crop. Pecan nut set was reported as 8 percent heavy, 91 percent moderate, and 1 percent light. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 4 percent light and 4 percent moderate. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light and 2 percent moderate. Stock water supplies were reported as 4 percent very short, 19 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
3 rd cutting harvested.....	95	93	100	99
4 th cutting harvested.....	75	65	85	87
5 th cutting harvested.....	38	33	34	35
Chile				
Green harvested	56	35	48	46
Corn				
Silking	95	93	97	98
Dough.....	67	52	58	59
Dented	25	15	31	30
Harvested for silage.....	37	18	25	24
Cotton				
Setting bolls.....	92	88	81	79
Bolls opening	27	11	9	12
Fall lettuce				
Planted.....	44	19	NA	NA
Peanuts				
Pegging	96	75	84	87
Sorghum				
Headed	79	58	58	59
Coloring	13	7	9	13
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	1	NA	--	1

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.....	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	15	15	30	34
Short.....	34	34	30	35
Adequate	49	49	38	29
Surplus	2	2	2	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	11	11	35	NA
Short.....	29	28	27	NA
Adequate	59	60	37	NA
Surplus	1	1	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				
Very poor	1	1	4	5
Poor.....	3	2	7	7
Fair.....	22	22	33	28
Good	48	49	45	51
Excellent	26	26	11	9
Chile				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	5	NA
Fair.....	26	27	46	NA
Good	56	55	44	NA
Excellent	18	18	5	NA
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	3	2
Poor.....	--	--	4	6
Fair.....	11	11	26	33
Good	51	51	34	37
Excellent	38	38	33	22
Cotton				
Very poor	--	--	--	5
Poor.....	1	1	6	15
Fair.....	22	22	49	33
Good	67	67	27	30
Excellent	10	10	18	17
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	4	4	20	31
Poor.....	5	6	25	26
Fair.....	35	34	35	25
Good	44	44	18	15
Excellent	12	12	2	3
Peanuts				
Very poor	--	--	3	3
Poor.....	--	--	21	15
Fair.....	68	68	68	60
Good	29	29	8	22
Excellent	3	3	--	--
Pecans				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	13	13	25	27
Good	77	77	59	56
Excellent	10	10	16	16
Sorghum				
Very poor	--	--	--	17
Poor.....	1	1	--	13
Fair.....	10	10	32	38
Good	85	85	62	29
Excellent	4	4	6	3
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	1	1	1	NA
Poor.....	2	2	5	NA
Fair.....	26	26	50	NA
Good	63	63	39	NA
Excellent	8	8	5	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	15	15	19	NA
Poor.....	15	15	24	NA
Fair.....	15	14	33	NA
Good	52	52	24	NA
Excellent	3	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/2015/NM_Weather_08302015.pdf