

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING AUGUST 8, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Drier conditions and higher temperatures were observed across the state with brief spells of light rain interspersed throughout the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Despite pasture and range conditions drying out slightly during the past week, the body condition scores of cattle on both rangeland and irrigated land were reported as being mostly 3-4 and livestock producers continue to search for replacements for their herds, although prices are high and selection is limited. All stages of corn production progressed significantly, and several reporters noted that the crop remains in very good condition. Reports from Curry county stated that producers are beginning to prepare their fields for an early planting of winter wheat. Statewide, 37 percent of the State’s pastures and rangelands were reported in very poor or poor condition, compared with 38 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 40 percent. During the past week, converted moisture totals ranged from about 5 inches to merely a trace, with most of the state receiving 0-1.5 inches. Light rainfall was observed in the southwestern corner and central parts of the state. Total accumulations were well below average in many areas of the state and above average in the central to southwestern areas. According to the United States Drought Monitor for August 3, drought-free conditions existed across an area equal to 12.1 percent of the State, a moderate increase from last week’s 7.7 percent. Abnormal dryness decreased to cover 7.5 percent of the State. Moderate drought (D1) decreased, and was present across 13.3 percent of New Mexico, while severe drought (D2) rose to 35.7 percent. Significant changes were evident in extreme (D3) and exceptional (D4) drought, with 24.0 and 7.3 percent of the State classified in the two categories, respectively. Collectively, about 38,070 square miles were still affected by extreme and exceptional drought. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 64 percent short to very short, compared with 81 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 63 percent. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent light and 1 percent moderate. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent light and 1 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 16 percent very short, 32 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 11 percent very short, 36 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 16 percent very short, 23 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 21 percent very short, 38 percent short, and 41 percent adequate last year.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
3 rd cutting harvested	68	53	60	75
4 th cutting harvested	22	8	31	42
Chile				
Green harvested.....	24	9	17	20
Corn				
Silked	66	47	55	65
Doughed.....	23	10	6	11
Dented	14	--	NA	NA
Harvested for silage.....	4	--	NA	NA
Cotton				
Squaring	85	75	90	85
Setting bolls.....	42	25	55	47
Peanuts				
Pegging.....	99	85	92	67
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	55	60	74	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	74	74	68	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	6.7	6.8	6.5	6.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	29	24	32	22
Short.....	35	31	49	41
Adequate	33	42	19	33
Surplus	3	3	--	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	39	30	42	24
Short.....	35	37	48	40
Adequate	26	32	10	35
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.....	--	--	2	3
Poor	4	3	5	5
Fair.....	19	28	35	26
Good	41	39	45	57
Excellent	36	30	13	9
Chile				
Very poor.....	1	--	6	2
Poor	9	10	8	5
Fair.....	24	22	34	31
Good	42	37	52	48
Excellent	24	31	--	14
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	2
Poor	4	4	1	4
Fair.....	43	40	41	33
Good	35	35	30	42
Excellent	18	21	27	19
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	5	3
Poor	20	19	21	16
Fair.....	41	40	57	40
Good	30	31	13	33
Excellent	9	10	4	8
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	13	16	15	11
Poor	24	17	23	29
Fair.....	38	37	40	38
Good	16	20	16	18
Excellent	9	10	6	4
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	--	5	1
Poor	9	9	20	12
Fair.....	46	46	33	57
Good	45	45	42	30
Excellent	--	--	--	--
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor	5	--	1	1
Fair.....	6	10	27	10
Good	89	90	72	60
Excellent	--	--	--	29
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	7	5	8	3
Poor	10	8	8	7
Fair.....	25	26	44	41
Good	47	51	35	43
Excellent	11	10	5	6
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	16	17	9	11
Poor	15	14	10	9
Fair.....	21	19	40	31
Good	40	40	40	46
Excellent	8	10	1	3
NA – not available				
(--) – zero				