

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION  
WEEK ENDING JULY 4, 2021

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Monsoon storms delivered above average rainfall to much of the state over the past week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The increased moisture led to improved reservoir capacities, stock water supplies, and soil moisture conditions for much of the state. Comments from Union county noted that winter wheat harvest was delayed due to the rain received. In Curry county, hay harvest was halted with reports indicating anywhere from 2.5 to 7 inches of rain. Statewide, 67 percent of the State’s pastures and rangelands were reported in very poor or poor condition, compared with 62 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 44 percent. During the past week, converted moisture totals ranged from more than 10 inches to merely a trace. Rainfall was widespread, and heavy across much of the south and east, with total accumulations well above average in many locations. According to the United States Drought Monitor for June 29, drought-free conditions existed across an area equal to 1.0 percent of the State, unchanged from last week, although comments from the area continued to note that visually, drought was still present. Abnormal dryness increased to cover 6.1 percent of the State. Moderate drought (D1) increased, and was present across 8.0 percent of New Mexico lands, while severe drought (D2) remained across 26.1 percent. Slight changes were evident in extreme (D3) and exceptional (D4) drought, with 28.3 and 30.5 percent of the State classified in the two categories, respectively. Collectively, about 71,481 square miles were still affected by extreme and exceptional drought. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 60 percent short to very short, compared with 81 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 70 percent. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 2 percent light and 1 percent moderate. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 15 percent light and 6 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 35 percent very short, 34 percent short, 30 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 2 percent very short, 39 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 46 percent very short, 19 percent short, 31 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus, compared with 24 percent very short, 42 percent short, and 34 percent adequate last year.

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.....	60	50	58	63
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested .....	15	2	28	29
Corn				
Emerged .....	95	91	83	91
Silked .....	1	--	7	4
Cotton				
Emerged .....	95	88	83	89
Squaring .....	20	10	34	29
Onions				
Harvested.....	35	15	66	69
Peanuts				
Emerged .....	95	77	NA	NA
Pegging.....	11	NA	38	NA
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	66	43	81	74
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	75	80	84	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	75	79	65	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 .....	5.2	6.6	6.4	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	20	50	41	28
Short.....	40	28	40	42
Adequate .....	32	20	19	29
Surplus .....	8	2	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	27	60	41	26
Short.....	54	31	45	43
Adequate .....	18	8	14	30
Surplus .....	1	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.....	--	--	1	4
Poor .....	13	9	7	5
Fair.....	50	45	30	29
Good .....	20	25	56	57
Excellent .....	17	21	6	5
Chile				
Very poor.....	--	2	--	1
Poor .....	11	7	6	8
Fair.....	19	18	40	33
Good .....	44	42	54	48
Excellent .....	26	31	--	10
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	1	1	3
Poor .....	4	4	4	5
Fair.....	54	47	57	41
Good .....	25	23	16	34
Excellent .....	17	25	22	17
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	2	--	2
Poor .....	30	29	16	15
Fair.....	43	43	53	44
Good .....	18	17	31	32
Excellent .....	9	9	--	7
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor .....	5	--	NA	NA
Fair.....	15	10	NA	NA
Good .....	31	35	NA	NA
Excellent .....	49	55	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	32	39	29	13
Poor .....	35	33	33	31
Fair.....	20	18	28	38
Good .....	10	8	10	16
Excellent .....	3	2	--	2
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	NA	--	1
Poor .....	9	NA	11	11
Fair.....	73	NA	56	62
Good .....	18	NA	33	26
Excellent .....	--	NA	--	--
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor .....	3	2	1	1
Fair.....	10	5	23	13
Good .....	87	93	70	60
Excellent .....	--	--	6	26
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	29	35	NA	NA
Poor .....	26	24	NA	NA
Fair.....	31	25	NA	NA
Good .....	7	5	NA	NA
Excellent .....	7	11	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	4	11	2	2
Poor .....	17	16	8	6
Fair.....	39	34	43	39
Good .....	33	30	42	46
Excellent .....	7	9	5	7
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	21	26	19	7
Poor .....	15	8	9	7
Fair.....	29	25	25	33
Good .....	35	41	46	51
Excellent .....	--	--	1	2

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