

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING AUGUST 23, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Average weekly temperatures varied drastically, ranging from 3 degrees below to 12 degrees above normal. Daytime highs climbed to 103 degrees in Carlsbad, while overnight lows fell to 37 degrees at Eagle Nest and El Vado Dam. Most weather stations reported rainfall during the week; however, accumulations have tapered off compared to recent weeks. Despite the relative dryness in recent weeks, 56 percent of pastures remained in good to excellent condition, compared with 19 percent last year and a 5-year average of 20 percent. Reports from Rio Arriba County indicated a damaging storm near El Rito delivered 2-3 inches of hail and hard rain that caused flooding. Additionally, isolated southwestern areas saw uprooted trees and hail damage following a major late-week rain storm. 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.....	93	90	99	97
4 th cutting harvested.....	65	50	81	81
5 th cutting harvested.....	33	22	28	28
Chile				
Green harvested	35	19	33	31
Corn				
Silking	93	87	93	95
Dough.....	52	41	47	43
Dented	15	5	23	21
Harvested for silage.....	18	3	12	13
Cotton				
Setting bolls.....	88	82	78	73
Bolls opening	11	7	4	9
Fall lettuce				
Planted.....	19	9	NA	NA
Peanuts				
Pegging	75	60	74	79
Sorghum				
Headed	58	33	43	43
Coloring	7	1	3	7

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.....	6.6	6.8	6.7	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	15	15	32	34
Short	34	31	27	30
Adequate	49	51	39	35
Surplus	2	3	2	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	11	11	33	NA
Short	28	26	28	NA
Adequate	60	62	38	NA
Surplus	1	1	1	NA

NA – not available
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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	4
Poor.....	2	5	7	8
Fair.....	22	20	33	28
Good	49	48	45	53
Excellent	26	26	11	7
Chile				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	2	NA
Fair.....	27	27	48	NA
Good	55	55	44	NA
Excellent	18	18	6	NA
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	3	2
Poor.....	--	--	4	5
Fair.....	11	6	25	31
Good	51	56	38	38
Excellent	38	38	30	24
Cotton				
Very poor	--	--	--	4
Poor.....	1	1	5	16
Fair.....	22	27	51	32
Good	67	62	25	30
Excellent	10	10	19	18
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	4	4	20	30
Poor.....	6	6	27	27
Fair.....	34	34	34	23
Good	44	44	19	17
Excellent	12	12	--	3
Peanuts				
Very poor	--	--	3	3
Poor.....	--	--	21	14
Fair.....	68	68	68	62
Good	29	29	8	21
Excellent	3	3	--	--
Pecans				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	13	13	34	24
Good	77	77	51	62
Excellent	10	10	15	13
Sorghum				
Very poor	--	--	--	18
Poor.....	1	--	--	12
Fair.....	10	10	34	40
Good	85	86	61	28
Excellent	4	4	5	2
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	1	1	1	NA
Poor.....	2	2	5	NA
Fair.....	26	26	52	NA
Good	63	63	39	NA
Excellent	8	8	3	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	15	15	20	NA
Poor.....	15	15	23	NA
Fair.....	14	14	32	NA
Good	52	52	25	NA
Excellent	4	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_08232015.pdf