



NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION  
WEEK ENDING AUGUST 2, 2015

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Near-normal temperatures blanketed much of the State during the week, with the exception being the southeast where daytime highs climbed above the century mark and weekly averages were as many as 7 degrees above normal. Rainfall was widespread with exceptional accumulation reported in several areas. Conchas Dam, Fort Sumner, Grants, and Tucumcari recorded over 3 inches during the week. Heavy downpours in portions of the northwest led to flooding on some farms which delayed high-mountain hay harvest by at least one week. In the southwest, additional moisture helped to improve pasture conditions, although isolated regions needed more rainfall to sustain forage growth and feedstuff availability. Hay producers in Dona Ana County started harvesting their fifth cutting of alfalfa. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 4 percent light and 4 percent moderate. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 12 percent light and 2 percent moderate. Stock water supplies were reported as 4 percent very short, 17 percent short, 78 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				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	91	86	100	99
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested.....	72	63	87	88
4 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested .....	28	16	56	46
Chile				
Green harvested .....	5	1	5	5
Corn				
Silking .....	57	40	59	65
Dough.....	2	NA	19	13
Cotton				
Squaring .....	84	73	99	88
Setting bolls.....	60	54	59	49
Peanuts				
Blooming .....	63	36	NA	NA
Pegging .....	25	20	49	52
Sorghum				
Headed .....	15	5	14	12
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	98	93	100	95

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	6.5	6.4	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	13	13	32	39
Short .....	35	39	29	31
Adequate .....	49	46	38	28
Surplus .....	3	2	1	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	10	37	NA
Short .....	28	29	30	NA
Adequate .....	62	60	33	NA
Surplus .....	1	1	--	NA

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(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
Very poor .....	--	--	4	4
Poor.....	7	6	5	7
Fair.....	22	22	35	33
Good .....	42	44	46	50
Excellent .....	29	28	10	6
Chile				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	5	5	2	NA
Fair.....	27	27	49	NA
Good .....	50	50	44	NA
Excellent .....	18	18	5	NA
Corn				
Very poor .....	--	--	3	1
Poor.....	--	--	4	6
Fair.....	8	11	27	37
Good .....	54	51	33	37
Excellent .....	38	38	33	19
Cotton				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	1	1	5	16
Fair.....	36	37	51	38
Good .....	53	52	24	26
Excellent .....	10	10	20	17
Pasture and Range				
Very poor .....	4	4	22	34
Poor.....	6	7	36	29
Fair.....	32	32	29	22
Good .....	46	45	13	13
Excellent .....	12	12	--	2
Peanuts				
Very poor .....	--	--	3	2
Poor.....	--	--	21	13
Fair.....	65	65	68	65
Good .....	29	29	8	20
Excellent .....	6	6	--	--
Pecans				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	1	--	1
Fair.....	13	14	38	23
Good .....	76	75	58	60
Excellent .....	10	10	4	15
Sorghum				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	12
Poor.....	--	--	--	17
Fair.....	10	18	32	43
Good .....	87	79	64	27
Excellent .....	3	3	4	1
Cattle and calves				
Very poor .....	1	1	2	NA
Poor.....	2	2	12	NA
Fair.....	24	24	49	NA
Good .....	64	64	34	NA
Excellent .....	9	9	3	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor .....	15	15	19	NA
Poor.....	15	15	24	NA
Fair.....	14	14	39	NA
Good .....	52	52	18	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\\_08022015.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/NM_Weather_08022015.pdf)