

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING AUGUST 7, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Storms delivered widespread monsoonal moisture to many locations during the week, with 22 of the 46 reporting weather stations totaling 1.16 inches of rain or more, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. While some reports indicated improved soil moisture levels, Statewide conditions were rated 80 percent short to very short, unchanged from last week, and compared with 49 percent last year and a 5-year average of 71 percent. Depending on location, pasture and range conditions showed some improvement as well; however, reports indicated that additional moisture was needed in portions of the southwest to stop the progression into drought. In some counties, ranchers were having to haul water or run pump jacks to provide water to their cattle. Additionally, some supplemental feeding was occurring due to the severe lack of native grass. Statewide, average temperatures varied from 3 degrees below to 6 degrees above normal. Triple-digit temperatures were limited to Artesia, Bitter Lakes, Carlsbad, Fort Sumner, and Roswell. Daytime highs ranged from 82 degrees at Chama and Ocate to 102 degrees at Carlsbad and Roswell. Overnight lows varied from 38 degrees at Eagles Nest to 70 degrees at Carlsbad. Measurable rainfall was recorded at every weather station but two, Artesia and Clovis. The largest rainfall accumulation was reported at Ocate, where 5.30 inches fell. Year-to-date precipitation was above normal at 9 locations statewide. Apples in Dona Ana County were reportedly 40 percent ripe and in good condition. Reports from Guadalupe County indicated that grasshopper pressure was heavily impacting 10 to 15 percent of producers’ fields. Pecan nut set was reported as 21 percent light, 76 percent moderate, and 3 percent heavy. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light and 1 percent severe. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 34 percent light, 4 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Stock water supplies were reported as 12 percent very short, 23 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	96	92	94	98
3 rd cutting harvested	80	66	76	87
4 th cutting harvested	42	33	37	51
5 th cutting harvested	3	NA	3	8
Chile				
Green harvested.....	11	3	9	9
Corn				
Silking	73	60	71	72
Dough.....	18	--	15	16
Corn harvested for silage	1	NA	1	2
Cotton				
Squaring	91	89	92	92
Setting bolls.....	60	57	71	58
Bolls opening	1	NA	--	--
Peanuts				
Blooming.....	78	60	75	NA
Pegging.....	43	31	29	50
Sorghum				
Headed	21	15	16	18
Coloring	1	--	--	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.....	6.6	6.7	6.4	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	18	20	13	37
Short.....	62	60	36	34
Adequate	19	19	48	28
Surplus	1	1	3	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	18	19	9	NA
Short.....	42	43	29	NA
Adequate	40	38	61	NA
Surplus	--	--	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 hay				
Very poor	--	--	1	5
Poor.....	3	3	5	7
Fair.....	43	44	20	29
Good	47	46	45	50
Excellent	7	7	29	9
Chile				
Very poor	1	1	--	NA
Poor.....	7	7	--	NA
Fair.....	21	21	28	NA
Good	47	51	54	NA
Excellent	24	20	18	NA
Corn				
Very poor	2	2	--	1
Poor.....	3	3	--	6
Fair.....	31	31	8	36
Good	49	49	54	36
Excellent	15	15	38	21
Cotton				
Very poor	2	2	--	2
Poor.....	23	23	1	9
Fair.....	34	34	36	36
Good	33	33	53	31
Excellent	8	8	10	22
Pasture and range				
Very poor	3	3	4	32
Poor.....	23	23	6	27
Fair.....	47	47	31	24
Good	24	25	47	15
Excellent	3	2	12	2
Peanut				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	5	5	--	11
Fair.....	70	75	65	73
Good	25	20	29	12
Excellent	--	--	6	2
Pecan				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	6	6	13	26
Good	38	39	77	65
Excellent	56	55	10	9
Sorghum				
Very poor	--	--	--	14
Poor.....	3	2	--	18
Fair.....	77	78	10	31
Good	19	19	87	35
Excellent	1	1	3	2
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	2	2	1	NA
Poor.....	4	4	2	NA
Fair.....	37	36	26	NA
Good	52	53	64	NA
Excellent	5	5	7	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	12	13	15	NA
Poor.....	13	14	15	NA
Fair.....	20	21	14	NA
Good	50	48	52	NA
Excellent	5	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/2016/NM_Weather_08072016.pdf