



NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS

United States Department of Agriculture
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE
NEW MEXICO FIELD OFFICE
2507 North Telshor Blvd, Las Cruces, NM 88011
Cooperating with the New Mexico Department of Agriculture



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 17, 2015

Contact: Longino Bustillos
(800) 530-8810

CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING AUGUST 16, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Scorching daytime highs were recorded across much of New Mexico during the week, with numerous locations feeling 100+ degree temperatures. Rainfall totals varied from 0.01 to 2.23 inches, with the larger accumulations received in the northeast. Artesia, Redrock, and Tatum were dry during the week. Strong winds and hot daytime temperatures caused considerable drying in pastures and dryland row crops in portions of the State, although reports indicated most crops and livestock remained in good to excellent condition. In Rio Arriba County, high-mountain Timothy hay harvest was approximately 50 percent complete. Winter wheat harvest was just finishing in some isolated northeastern locations due to rain-caused delays. Pecan nut set was reported as 6 percent heavy, 93 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 10 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.....	90	78	96	96
4 th cutting harvested.....	50	40	73	71
5 th cutting harvested.....	22	4	23	21
Chile				
Green harvested	19	11	21	22
Corn				
Silking	87	77	88	89
Dough.....	41	20	41	27
Dented	5	NA	12	12
Harvested for silage.....	3	1	7	5
Cotton				
Setting bolls.....	82	76	74	65
Bolls opening	7	--	--	5
Fall lettuce				
Planted.....	9	2	NA	NA
Peanuts				
Blooming	98	80	NA	NA
Pegging	60	31	68	68
Sorghum				
Headed	33	16	32	33
Coloring	1	--	--	4

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.....	6.8	6.4	6.5	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	15	13	32	35
Short	31	36	27	32
Adequate	51	48	39	32
Surplus	3	3	2	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	11	9	35	NA
Short	26	29	28	NA
Adequate	62	61	36	NA
Surplus	1	1	1	NA

NA – not available
(--) – zero

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.....	5	5	5	8
Fair.....	20	20	34	29
Good	48	45	46	52
Excellent	26	29	11	7
Chile				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	2	NA
Fair.....	27	28	49	NA
Good	55	54	44	NA
Excellent	18	18	5	NA
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	3	1
Poor.....	--	--	4	4
Fair.....	6	8	26	36
Good	56	54	34	37
Excellent	38	38	33	22
Cotton				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	1	1	5	12
Fair.....	27	36	51	34
Good	62	53	24	28
Excellent	10	10	20	24
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	4	4	20	31
Poor.....	6	6	29	28
Fair.....	34	31	34	25
Good	44	47	17	14
Excellent	12	12	--	2
Peanuts				
Very poor	--	--	3	3
Poor.....	--	--	21	11
Fair.....	68	65	68	62
Good	29	29	8	23
Excellent	3	6	--	1
Pecans				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	13	13	38	19
Good	77	77	51	59
Excellent	10	10	11	21
Sorghum				
Very poor	--	--	--	16
Poor.....	--	--	--	15
Fair.....	10	10	30	35
Good	86	87	64	32
Excellent	4	3	6	2
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	1	1	2	NA
Poor.....	2	2	10	NA
Fair.....	26	26	46	NA
Good	63	64	37	NA
Excellent	8	7	5	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	15	15	19	NA
Poor.....	15	15	24	NA
Fair.....	14	14	35	NA
Good	52	52	22	NA
Excellent	4	4	--	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

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_08162015.pdf