

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION  
WEEK ENDING JULY 16, 2017

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Rainfall was fairly widespread and temperatures were somewhat cooler during the week; however, soil moisture across much of the State remained short to very short as most row crops were developing through their reproductive stages, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Forty-three of the 45 reporting weather stations received measurable moisture, with Redrock, at 2.45 inches, reporting the largest accumulation during the week. Statewide, topsoil moisture levels were reported as 44 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 55 percent last week, 19 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 27 percent. It was noted that soil moisture varied from surplus to very short even within counties. Average temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below to 5 degrees above normal. Daytime highs varied from 75 degrees at Cloudcroft to 103 degrees at Acme. Overnight lows ranged from 34 degrees at Angel Fire to 67 degrees at both Conchas Dam and New Mexico State University. Comments from Curry County indicated that hay producers had good baling conditions during the week. Overall, 62 percent of the alfalfa crop was reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 53 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 61 percent. Chile harvest was just beginning in Dona Ana County. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent moderate and 4 percent light, compared with 1 percent severe, 2 percent moderate, and 6 percent light last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 10 percent very short, 30 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 14 percent very short, 33 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus last week.

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 .....	85	70	85	90
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested .....	54	52	57	65
4 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested.....	20	16	5	6
Chile				
Green harvested.....	1	NA	--	--
Corn				
Silking .....	15	5	19	26
Cotton				
Squaring .....	45	40	57	64
Setting bolls.....	4	NA	11	28
Onions				
Harvested.....	91	90	83	85
Peanuts				
Emerged .....	99	93	95	98
Pegging.....	17	6	--	19
Sorghum				
Planted.....	97	90	100	99
Emerged .....	90	79	91	NA
Headed .....	6	2	9	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 .....	6.7	5.7	7.0	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	16	10	20	32
Short .....	40	35	61	41
Adequate .....	43	50	19	26
Surplus .....	1	5	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	15	14	16	NA
Short .....	45	41	45	NA
Adequate .....	39	41	39	NA
Surplus .....	1	4	--	NA

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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	--	1
Poor.....	12	7	3	4
Fair.....	26	32	44	34
Good .....	58	58	45	47
Excellent .....	4	2	8	14
Chile				
Very poor.....	--	3	1	NA
Poor.....	1	4	7	NA
Fair.....	43	52	16	NA
Good .....	37	28	56	NA
Excellent .....	19	13	20	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	11	10	1	1
Poor.....	7	9	2	3
Fair.....	29	30	32	32
Good .....	41	37	47	34
Excellent .....	12	14	18	30
Cotton				
Very poor.....	10	8	2	1
Poor.....	3	4	21	10
Fair.....	45	51	31	37
Good .....	32	30	32	35
Excellent .....	10	7	14	17
Pasture and range condition				
Very poor.....	6	6	3	23
Poor.....	39	30	21	29
Fair.....	34	43	47	28
Good .....	17	16	27	17
Excellent .....	4	5	2	3
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	4	5	--	11
Fair.....	68	59	91	72
Good .....	28	36	9	13
Excellent .....	--	--	--	1
Pecan				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	--
Poor.....	--	1	--	--
Fair.....	1	10	6	22
Good .....	75	67	41	58
Excellent .....	24	21	53	20
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	9	1	--	9
Poor.....	10	15	2	7
Fair.....	60	64	77	47
Good .....	19	17	20	36
Excellent .....	2	3	1	1
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	NA
Poor.....	1	1	4	NA
Fair.....	34	32	36	NA
Good .....	54	55	53	NA
Excellent .....	11	12	5	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	4	1	12	NA
Poor.....	6	5	11	NA
Fair.....	33	31	19	NA
Good .....	56	63	54	NA
Excellent .....	1	--	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/2017/NM\\_Weather\\_07162017.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/NM_Weather_07162017.pdf)