

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 30, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By and large, much of New Mexico received some rainfall during the week; however, accumulations were minimal in some locations. Given the recent decline in moisture, five weather stations reported below average year-to-date totals. Socorro, El Vado Dam, and Santa Teresa received 1.42, 1.16, and 1.09 inches, respectively. While most areas continued to receive growth-sustaining precipitation, portions of the southwest desperately need increased moisture to boost pasture growth. Average weekly temperatures varied by 9 degrees during the week, ranging from 1 degrees below to 8 degrees above normal. Daytime highs climbed to 101 degrees in Carlsbad, while overnight lows fell to 36 degrees at Eagle Nest. Row crop development advanced at a near-normal pace, as small grain producers began seeding their 2016 winter wheat crop. 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 (percent) | Previous week (percent) | Previous year (percent) | 5-year average (percent) |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Alfalfa hay | | | | |
| 3 rd cutting harvested..... | 95 | 93 | 100 | 99 |
| 4 th cutting harvested..... | 75 | 65 | 85 | 87 |
| 5 th cutting harvested..... | 38 | 33 | 34 | 35 |
| Chile | | | | |
| Green harvested..... | 56 | 35 | 48 | 46 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Silking..... | 95 | 93 | 97 | 98 |
| Dough..... | 67 | 52 | 58 | 59 |
| Dented..... | 25 | 15 | 31 | 30 |
| Harvested for silage..... | 37 | 18 | 25 | 24 |
| Cotton | | | | |
| Setting bolls..... | 92 | 88 | 81 | 79 |
| Bolls opening..... | 27 | 11 | 9 | 12 |
| Fall lettuce | | | | |
| Planted..... | 44 | 19 | NA | NA |
| Peanuts | | | | |
| Pegging..... | 96 | 75 | 84 | 87 |
| Sorghum | | | | |
| Headed..... | 79 | 58 | 58 | 59 |
| Coloring..... | 13 | 7 | 9 | 13 |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Planted..... | 1 | NA | -- | 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..... | 6.4 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.7 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 15 | 15 | 30 | 34 |
| Short..... | 34 | 34 | 30 | 35 |
| Adequate..... | 49 | 49 | 38 | 29 |
| Surplus..... | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short..... | 11 | 11 | 35 | NA |
| Short..... | 29 | 28 | 27 | NA |
| Adequate..... | 59 | 60 | 37 | NA |
| Surplus..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | NA |

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

| | Current week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | Previous year (percent) | 5-year average (percent) |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Alfalfa | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Poor..... | 3 | 2 | 7 | 7 |
| Fair..... | 22 | 22 | 33 | 28 |
| Good..... | 48 | 49 | 45 | 51 |
| Excellent..... | 26 | 26 | 11 | 9 |
| Chile | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | NA |
| Poor..... | -- | -- | 5 | NA |
| Fair..... | 26 | 27 | 46 | NA |
| Good..... | 56 | 55 | 44 | NA |
| Excellent..... | 18 | 18 | 5 | NA |
| Corn | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | 3 | 2 |
| Poor..... | -- | -- | 4 | 6 |
| Fair..... | 11 | 11 | 26 | 33 |
| Good..... | 51 | 51 | 34 | 37 |
| Excellent..... | 38 | 38 | 33 | 22 |
| Cotton | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | 5 |
| Poor..... | 1 | 1 | 6 | 15 |
| Fair..... | 22 | 22 | 49 | 33 |
| Good..... | 67 | 67 | 27 | 30 |
| Excellent..... | 10 | 10 | 18 | 17 |
| Pasture and Range | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 4 | 4 | 20 | 31 |
| Poor..... | 5 | 6 | 25 | 26 |
| Fair..... | 35 | 34 | 35 | 25 |
| Good..... | 44 | 44 | 18 | 15 |
| Excellent..... | 12 | 12 | 2 | 3 |
| Peanuts | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | 3 | 3 |
| Poor..... | -- | -- | 21 | 15 |
| Fair..... | 68 | 68 | 68 | 60 |
| Good..... | 29 | 29 | 8 | 22 |
| Excellent..... | 3 | 3 | -- | -- |
| Pecans | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Poor..... | -- | -- | -- | 1 |
| Fair..... | 13 | 13 | 25 | 27 |
| Good..... | 77 | 77 | 59 | 56 |
| Excellent..... | 10 | 10 | 16 | 16 |
| Sorghum | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | 17 |
| Poor..... | 1 | 1 | -- | 13 |
| Fair..... | 10 | 10 | 32 | 38 |
| Good..... | 85 | 85 | 62 | 29 |
| Excellent..... | 4 | 4 | 6 | 3 |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | NA |
| Poor..... | 2 | 2 | 5 | NA |
| Fair..... | 26 | 26 | 50 | NA |
| Good..... | 63 | 63 | 39 | NA |
| Excellent..... | 8 | 8 | 5 | NA |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 15 | 15 | 19 | NA |
| Poor..... | 15 | 15 | 24 | NA |
| Fair..... | 15 | 14 | 33 | NA |
| Good..... | 52 | 52 | 24 | NA |
| Excellent..... | 3 | 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_08302015.pdf