

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING AUGUST 21, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Average temperatures fell below normal across much of the State during the week, with daytime highs failing to climb above the century mark in at least one location for the first time in nearly 3 months, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Rainfall accumulations reduced dramatically when compared with last week; however, measureable rainfall was recorded at 43 of 46 reporting weather stations across the State. Statewide, topsoil moisture levels were unchanged from last week, with conditions rated 78 percent short to very short, compared with last year and the 5-year average at 49 and 69 percent short to very short, respectively. The largest rainfall accumulation was reported at Roswell where 1.58 inches fell. At 1.43 inches, Picacho was the only other location to total over an inch of moisture during the week. Year-to-date precipitation was above average at 8 locations statewide, varying from 0.13 inch at Otis to 5.61 inches at Ocate. Average temperatures varied from 4 degrees below to 2 degrees above normal. Daytime highs ranged from 74 degrees at Cloudcroft to 96 degrees at Bitter Lakes. Overnight lows varied from 33 degrees at Eagles Nest to 62 degrees at Santa Teresa and NMSU. Overall, the corn crop was developing at a near-normal pace, although reports from Union County indicated that producers with hail-affected corn were harvesting their entire fields for silage since 100 percent was declared a loss by the crop adjusters. In Dona Ana County, reports showed that approximately 25 percent of the jujube crop was harvestable. Sorghum development showed a jump during the week as a larger percentage of the crop in Roosevelt County began heading. Green chile harvest continued progressing ahead of normal, with 72 percent of the crop rated good to excellent. Stock water supplies remained short in Union County despite recent moisture because the showers received have not generated any beneficial water runoff. Pecan nut set was reported as 25 percent light, 65 percent moderate, and 10 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 33 percent light, 5 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				
3 rd cutting harvested	95	91	92	95
4 th cutting harvested	55	51	61	76
5 th cutting harvested	28	17	30	28
Chile				
Green harvested.....	38	22	30	27
Corn				
Silking	90	84	91	92
Dough.....	49	36	49	40
Dented	3	NA	12	15
Corn harvested for silage	34	18	14	11
Cotton				
Setting bolls.....	75	65	86	77
Bolls opening	21	8	10	7
Peanuts				
Pegging.....	82	64	71	75
Sorghum				
Headed	56	34	51	39
Coloring	24	11	5	5

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	6.6	6.6	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	16	16	15	35
Short	62	62	34	34
Adequate	21	21	49	30
Surplus	1	1	2	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	17	17	11	NA
Short	39	39	28	NA
Adequate	43	44	60	NA
Surplus	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 hay				
Very poor	--	--	1	4
Poor.....	3	3	2	8
Fair.....	43	43	22	29
Good	47	47	49	49
Excellent	7	7	26	10
Chile				
Very poor	--	1	--	NA
Poor.....	7	7	--	NA
Fair.....	21	21	27	NA
Good	48	49	55	NA
Excellent	24	22	18	NA
Corn				
Very poor	2	2	--	2
Poor.....	4	4	--	5
Fair.....	31	31	11	32
Good	48	47	51	34
Excellent	15	16	38	27
Cotton				
Very poor	3	2	--	3
Poor.....	25	23	1	16
Fair.....	31	34	22	33
Good	33	33	67	30
Excellent	8	8	10	18
Pasture and range				
Very poor	3	3	4	30
Poor.....	23	23	6	27
Fair.....	46	47	34	24
Good	25	24	44	16
Excellent	3	3	12	3
Peanut				
Very poor	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	5	5	--	14
Fair.....	72	70	68	73
Good	23	25	29	9
Excellent	--	--	3	1
Pecan				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	6	6	13	27
Good	47	38	77	63
Excellent	47	56	10	9
Sorghum				
Very poor	--	--	--	19
Poor.....	3	3	1	10
Fair.....	77	77	10	35
Good	19	19	85	34
Excellent	1	1	4	2
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	2	2	1	NA
Poor.....	4	4	2	NA
Fair.....	37	36	26	NA
Good	52	53	63	NA
Excellent	5	5	8	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	12	12	15	NA
Poor.....	13	13	15	NA
Fair.....	20	20	14	NA
Good	50	50	52	NA
Excellent	5	5	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_08212016.pdf