NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF JANUARY 2025

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: January brought scattered moisture and below average temperatures to much of New Mexico, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Pecan harvest, at 87 percent complete, was ahead of last year. In Union County, many wheat fields continued to show grazing pressure due to limited moisture supplies and precipitation. Cattle were still grazing corn stalks. In Roosevelt County, bitter cold and rough winter conditions were noted. Dona Ana County reports noted supplemental feeding needs were higher than normal for cattle during January, with producers purchasing additional feed. Producers were also transporting water to livestock. Statewide, range and pasture conditions were reported as 24 percent good to excellent, compared with 12 percent last year. Most cattle and sheep were receiving supplemental feed.

According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data, isolated moisture was received in some areas across the State during January, with maximum totals limited to 1.5 inches or less. Northern counties received the most precipitation. Data from the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC) indicated that average temperatures ranged from about 0 degrees to 10 degrees below normal during January. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for January 28, the State remains free from exceptional drought (D4) conditions. Extreme drought (D3) conditions were estimated at roughly 5 percent, severe drought (D2) conditions were at 15 percent, moderate drought (D1) conditions were 15 percent, and abnormally dry (D0) conditions covered about 30 percent of New Mexico. Drought-free conditions calculated to about 35 percent.

Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 7 percent very short, 14 percent short, and 79 percent adequate, compared with 4 percent very short, 28 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus last month. Stock water supplies were reported as 19 percent very short, 35 percent short, and 46 percent adequate, compared with 34 percent very short, 25 percent short, 40 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last month.

Note: Monthly reports will be released for February on March 3, 2025; and for March on March 31, 2025.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS						
Commodity	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average		
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		
Pecans						
Harvested	87	75	75	NA		
Cattle and calves						
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Cows calved	6	NA	3	NA		
Receiving supplemental feed	78	70	88	NA		
Sheep and lambs						
Ewes lambed	18	NA	2	NA		
Receiving supplemental feed	81	90	63	NA		

NA – not available (--) – zero

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short		" 49 <i>'</i>		" NA
Short	29	41	43	NA
Adequate	12	10	20	NA
Surplus				NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	53	47	37	NA
Short	31	42	48	NA
Adequate	16	10	15	NA
Surplus		1		NA

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range	u ,	,	ν ,	, ,
Very poor	12	15	29	NA
Poor	27	34	37	NA
Fair	37	22	22	NA
Good	20	20	12	NA
Excellent	4	9		NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor			2	NA
Poor	24	21	43	NA
Fair	46	42	25	NA
Good	29	22	25	NA
Excellent	1	15	5	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	1		6	NA
Poor	17	14	17	NA
Fair	39	30	48	NA
Good	24	34	14	NA
Excellent	19	22	15	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	1		2	NA
Poor	10	16	17	NA
Fair	42	52	52	NA
Good	46	31	19	NA
Excellent	1	1	10	NA

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