

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2025

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** February brought minimal moisture and above average temperatures to much of New Mexico, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Pecan harvest progressed to 93 percent complete. Producers in Dona Ana County continued to report the need for supplemental feed for cattle and honeybee producers reported colony collapses. Along the northern border, reports from Rio Arriba County indicate that the county is continuing to struggle with very dry conditions.

According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC), counties in the western and central portions of New Mexico saw temperatures 2 to 6 degrees above average for the month of February while counties in the eastern portion of the State had mild temperatures for the month of February, ranging from normal to 2 degrees above normal. Precipitation was minimal across the State, with most counties receiving less than 0.1 inches of moisture for the month. The lack of precipitation worsened drought conditions in the State. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for February 25, the State continues to remain free from exceptional drought (D4) conditions; however, extreme drought (D3) conditions increased from 5 percent last month to roughly 14 percent during the month of February. Severe drought (D2) conditions remained mostly unchanged, at approximately 15 percent of the State. Moderate drought (D1) conditions increased from 15 percent to 31 percent of the State, and abnormally dry (D0) conditions covered roughly 31 percent of New Mexico.

Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 4 percent short, 91 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus, compared with 7 percent very short, 14 percent short, and 79 percent adequate last month. Stock water supplies were reported as 9 percent very short, 51 percent short, and 40 percent adequate, compared with 19 percent very short, 35 percent short, and 46 percent adequate last month.

**Note:** A monthly report will be released for March on March 31, 2025.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Pecans				
Harvested .....	93	87	96	NA
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved .....	36	6	12	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	81	78	89	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambled .....	35	18	5	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	79	81	55	NA

NA – not available

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### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Very short .....	26	59	41	NA
Short .....	53	29	39	NA
Adequate .....	21	12	19	NA
Surplus .....	--	--	1	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	17	53	41	NA
Short .....	60	31	41	NA
Adequate .....	23	16	17	NA
Surplus .....	--	--	1	NA

NA – not available

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**CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	9	12	28	NA
Poor .....	22	27	29	NA
Fair.....	57	37	32	NA
Good .....	12	20	11	NA
Excellent.....	--	4	--	NA
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	NA
Poor .....	24	24	34	NA
Fair.....	49	46	32	NA
Good .....	27	29	29	NA
Excellent.....	--	1	3	NA
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	2	1	6	NA
Poor .....	21	17	20	NA
Fair.....	57	39	45	NA
Good .....	20	24	23	NA
Excellent.....	--	19	6	NA
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	--	1	4	NA
Poor .....	--	10	14	NA
Fair.....	44	42	62	NA
Good .....	56	46	19	NA
Excellent.....	--	1	1	NA

NA – not available

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