

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 (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Pecans				
Harvested	87	75	75	NA
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	6	NA	3	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	78	70	88	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambled	18	NA	2	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	81	90	63	NA

NA – not available
 (–) – zero

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Very short	59	49	37	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
 (–) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Pasture and range				
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

NA – not available

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