

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF DECEMBER 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: December's weather pattern delivered mountain snow to areas, and some rainfall to lower elevations; however, total rainfall accumulations were below average for many locations which led to soil moisture depletion, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Notes from Mora County suggested that snowpack levels in the area were excellent. Statewide, temperatures were generally warmer than normal during the month. Reports from Union County indicated that cattle were grazing corn and sorghum stalks, as well as wheat pastures, with wheat showing signs of drought stress. During December, row crop producers had virtually completed the corn and cotton harvests. The red chile harvest was 93 percent complete by month's end. The United States Drought Monitor released on January 2 noted that the State remained free of exceptional and extreme drought (D3 and D4). Severe drought (D2) covered 15.3 percent of the State, compared with 17.6 percent from the Drought Monitor for November 26. The area classified in moderate drought (D1) – currently 13.1 percent – showed a drastic decrease from the end of November. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse were evident across 47.1 percent of the State, a 25.8 percentage point improvement when compared with the end of November. Drought-free conditions were present across 52.9 percent of the State. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 38 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 43 percent on November 24. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 22 percent very short, 35 percent short, 41 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 20 percent very short, 35 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus on November 24. Stock water supplies were reported as 24 percent very short, 29 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared with 25 percent very short, 33 percent short, 40 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus on November 24.

Note: Monthly reports will be released for January on Monday, January 27, 2020; for February on Monday, February 24, 2020; and for March on Monday, March 30, 2020.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Chile				
Red harvested.....	93	89	NA	NA
Corn				
Harvested for grain.....	99	79	NA	NA
Cotton				
Harvested.....	97	79	NA	NA
Pecans				
Harvested.....	49	18	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	76	64	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	77	65	NA	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	17	22	NA	NA
Short	45	35	NA	NA
Adequate.....	34	40	NA	NA
Surplus.....	4	3	NA	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	26	27	NA	NA
Short	48	41	NA	NA
Adequate.....	25	31	NA	NA
Surplus.....	1	1	NA	NA

NA – not available

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CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Commodity	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pecans				
Very poor	--	--	NA	NA
Poor	--	10	NA	NA
Fair.....	3	6	NA	NA
Good	25	41	NA	NA
Excellent.....	72	43	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor	--	2	NA	NA
Poor	19	12	NA	NA
Fair.....	44	30	NA	NA
Good	35	40	NA	NA
Excellent.....	2	16	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	1	1	NA	NA
Poor	21	15	NA	NA
Fair.....	37	42	NA	NA
Good	28	25	NA	NA
Excellent.....	13	17	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	1	1	NA	NA
Poor	9	9	NA	NA
Fair.....	55	49	NA	NA
Good	35	40	NA	NA
Excellent.....	--	1	NA	NA

NA – not available

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