

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF JANUARY 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Above average temperatures along with moderately dry conditions seen throughout the State deteriorated soil moisture conditions as well as crop conditions during the month of January, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Notes from Northwest New Mexico stated that producers are feeding hay and supplements to livestock, stock water supplies are available but in limited quantity, and that unseasonable warm weather was experienced. In Northeast New Mexico, reports of windy and dry conditions have elevated the fire danger. They also stated that wheat was stressed from the lack of moisture. In Southeast New Mexico, the pecan crop was heavily affected by an October freeze. This resulted in pecans getting stuck in the shuck for the varieties of pecans that are harvested late in season reducing the quality and weight produced. The United States Drought Monitor released on January 23 noted that the State remained free of exceptional and extreme drought (D3 and D4). Severe drought (D2) covered 12.8 percent of the State, compared with 15.3 percent from the Drought Monitor for January 2. The area classified in moderate drought (D1) – currently 19.2 percent – showed an increase from January 2 at 13.1 percent. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse were evident across 32.0 percent of the State, a 15.1 percentage point improvement when compared with the end of December. Drought-free conditions were present across 29.3 percent of the State. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 35 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 38 percent at the end of December. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 16 percent very short, 32 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 22 percent very short, 35 percent short, 41 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus at the end of December. Stock water supplies were reported as 18 percent very short, 36 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 24 percent very short, 29 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus last month.

Note: Monthly reports will be released 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..... | 100 | 93 | NA | NA |
| Pecans | | | | |
| Harvested..... | 75 | 49 | NA | NA |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Cows calved | 5 | NA | NA | NA |
| Receiving supplemental feed..... | 75 | 76 | NA | NA |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Ewes lambed..... | 14 | NA | NA | NA |
| Receiving supplemental feed..... | 67 | 77 | NA | NA |

NA – not available

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SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

| | Current report | Previous report | Previous year | 5-year average |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short | 32 | 17 | NA | NA |
| Short | 33 | 45 | NA | NA |
| Adequate..... | 34 | 34 | NA | NA |
| Surplus..... | 1 | 4 | NA | NA |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short | 35 | 26 | NA | NA |
| Short | 42 | 48 | NA | NA |
| Adequate..... | 23 | 25 | NA | NA |
| Surplus..... | -- | 1 | NA | NA |

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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 | 2 | -- | NA | NA |
| Poor | 15 | -- | NA | NA |
| Fair..... | 18 | 3 | NA | NA |
| Good | 45 | 25 | NA | NA |
| Excellent..... | 20 | 72 | NA | NA |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Very poor | 37 | -- | NA | NA |
| Poor | 50 | 19 | NA | NA |
| Fair..... | 10 | 44 | NA | NA |
| Good | 3 | 35 | NA | NA |
| Excellent..... | -- | 2 | NA | NA |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Very poor | 4 | 1 | NA | NA |
| Poor | 16 | 21 | NA | NA |
| Fair..... | 41 | 37 | NA | NA |
| Good | 27 | 28 | NA | NA |
| Excellent..... | 12 | 13 | NA | NA |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Very poor | 15 | 1 | NA | NA |
| Poor | 8 | 9 | NA | NA |
| Fair..... | 25 | 55 | NA | NA |
| Good | 51 | 35 | NA | NA |
| Excellent..... | 1 | -- | NA | NA |

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