

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF JANUARY 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Dry conditions prevailed across the State during the month of January, however there was some improvement in topsoil and subsoil moisture supplies, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Compared with last year, pecan harvest at the end of the month continued to be slightly ahead of last year's progress. Comments from Union County noted some snow fall during the month was received, however more moisture is needed to improve conditions. Across the State, livestock were grazing on seeded winter wheat fields and pasture grass but remained in poor condition as little growth was seen in January. Winter wheat condition declined with only 13 percent of the crop rated in good to excellent condition, compared with 20 percent last month and 27 percent last year. Converted moisture totals during the past month ranged from no precipitation to approximately 3 inches. Significant precipitation continued to mostly be accumulated in in the western and central counties. Most counties saw below average precipitation again during January. Average temperatures during January were generally above normal except for a few northwestern counties that were at or below normal and a few southeastern counties showed slightly above normal. According to the United States Drought Monitor for January 17, exceptional drought (D4) continued its hold across a portion of land in Union County. Extreme drought (D3) was noted across 3.6 percent of the State, severe drought (D2) covered 14.6 percent, moderate drought (D1) covered 22.2 percent, and abnormal dryness (D0) covered 49.1 percent. Drought-free conditions covered 10.4 percent of the State. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 21 percent very short, 39 percent short, 36 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus, compared with 17 percent very short, 38 percent short, 41 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus on January 3. Stock water supplies were reported as 31 percent very short, 37 percent short, and 32 percent adequate, compared with 24 percent very short, 40 percent short, and 36 percent adequate on January 3.

Monthly reports will be released for February on February 27, 2023; and for March on March 27, 2023.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Harvested	90	85	NA	NA
Pecans				
Harvested	90	84	82	NA
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	2	NA	7	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	64	57	85	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambled	1	NA	12	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	71	71	86	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	24	41	40	NA
Short	57	35	47	NA
Adequate	18	23	13	NA
Surplus	1	1	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	32	42	41	NA
Short	47	35	48	NA
Adequate	21	23	11	NA
Surplus	--	--	--	NA

NA – not available

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CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	--	14	NA
Poor	27	22	33	NA
Fair.....	59	58	26	NA
Good	12	19	19	NA
Excellent.....	1	1	8	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	NA
Poor	10	5	12	NA
Fair.....	46	49	40	NA
Good	33	34	42	NA
Excellent.....	10	11	5	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	11	11	5	NA
Poor	31	31	24	NA
Fair.....	37	38	45	NA
Good	20	19	25	NA
Excellent.....	1	1	1	NA

NA – not available

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