

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF DECEMBER 2024

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** December brought mostly dry conditions and above average temperatures to much of New Mexico, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Fire danger was high for most areas. Producers had ample time to finish harvesting any remaining row crops. Harvest was active across the State's pecan orchards. Cattle were grazing corn stalks and wheat fields. In Union County, many wheat fields showed grazing pressure due to limited moisture supplies. Range and pasture conditions were reported as 29 percent good to excellent, compared with 25 percent last year. Most cattle and sheep were receiving supplemental feed.

According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data, only isolated pockets of the State accumulated moisture during the month, with maximum totals limited to less than 2.0 inches. Data from the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC) indicated that average temperatures ranged from about 2 degrees to 8 degrees above normal. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for December 31, 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 11 percent, moderate drought (D1) conditions were 13 percent, and abnormally dry (D0) conditions covered about 27 percent of New Mexico. Drought-free (D0) conditions calculated to about 44 percent.

Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 4 percent very short, 28 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 38 percent very short, 43 percent short, and 19 percent adequate last December. Stock water supplies were reported as 34 percent very short, 25 percent short, 40 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 36 percent very short, 26 percent short, 37 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last December.

**Note:** Monthly reports will be released for January on February 3, 2025; 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)
Chile				
Red harvested .....	96	85	100	NA
Corn				
Harvested for grain .....	95	83	100	NA
Cotton				
Harvested .....	95	30	98	NA
Onions				
Emerged .....	95	65	100	NA
Pecans				
Harvested .....	75	35	50	NA
Cattle and Calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	70	37	NA	NA
Sheep and Lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	90	50	NA	NA

NA – not available  
 (--) – zero

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Topsoil Moisture				
Very short.....	49	16	50	NA
Short .....	41	33	32	NA
Adequate.....	10	37	15	NA
Surplus.....	--	14	3	NA
Subsoil Moisture				
Very short.....	47	12	49	NA
Short .....	42	40	40	NA
Adequate.....	10	36	10	NA
Surplus.....	1	12	1	NA

NA – not available  
 (--) – zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, 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.....	15	11	17	NA
Poor.....	34	27	32	NA
Fair.....	22	23	26	NA
Good.....	20	22	15	NA
Excellent.....	9	17	10	NA
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	21	25	31	NA
Fair.....	42	25	46	NA
Good.....	22	27	14	NA
Excellent.....	15	23	9	NA
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very Poor.....	--	1	--	NA
Poor.....	14	10	11	NA
Fair.....	30	36	39	NA
Good.....	34	39	35	NA
Excellent.....	22	14	15	NA
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	NA
Poor.....	16	--	4	NA
Fair.....	52	18	43	NA
Good.....	31	62	50	NA
Excellent.....	1	20	1	NA

NA – not available

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