

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF JANUARY 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: With the new year, most livestock were reported as receiving supplemental feed, as winter wears on and pasture and range conditions worsen, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The pecan harvest continued through the month, reaching 75 percent complete by the end of January. All other 2023 crops had been fully harvested or abandoned. Winter wheat condition was observed to be variable, with 30 percent of the crop rated in good to excellent condition, and 45 percent in poor or very poor condition.

Measurable moisture was recorded throughout New Mexico during the month of January. According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data, the western half of the State accumulated between 0.5 inches and 1.5 inches of precipitation in January. The eastern half was a bit drier, with an observed 0.01 inches to 0.25 inches of precipitation. Most counties saw slightly below average precipitation during January, however, the area between Socorro and Lincoln Counties, as well as Valencia County totaled 150 percent of normal precipitation or more. Curry and Quay Counties also saw over 150 percent of normal precipitation for the month. Average temperatures during January were generally normal except for the southeastern corner of the state where temperatures dipped 1 to 5 degrees below normal, and isolated areas in the northwest that were just above normal. Comments from a reporter in Union County noted significant swings in nightly lows and daytime highs, with temperatures ranging from 0 to low 30s at night, and below freezing to mid-50s during the day. According to the United States Drought Monitor for January 23, exceptional drought (D4) continued in parts of southern New Mexico including most of Eddy County and parts of Grant, Hildalgo and Luna Counties. Extreme drought (D3) was noted across 29 percent of the State, severe drought (D2) covered 37 percent, moderate drought (D1) covered 21 percent, and abnormal dryness (D0) covered 6 percent. Drought-free conditions covered 1 percent of the State. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 28 percent very short, 45 percent short, 25 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 38 percent very short, 43 percent short, and 19 percent adequate last month. Stock water supplies were reported as 21 percent very short, 30 percent short, and 49 percent adequate, compared with 36 percent very short, 26 percent short, 37 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last month.

Monthly reports will be released for February on February 26, 2024; and for March on March 25, 2024.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Pecans				
Harvested.....	75	50	90	NA
Cattle and Calves				
Cows calved.....	3	NA	2	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	88	NA	64	NA
Sheep and Lambs				
Ewes Lambled	2	NA	1	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	63	NA	71	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.....	37	50	24	NA
Short.....	43	32	57	NA
Adequate.....	20	15	18	NA
Surplus.....	--	3	1	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	37	49	32	NA
Short.....	48	40	47	NA
Adequate.....	15	10	21	NA
Surplus.....	--	1	--	NA

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	29	17	NA	NA
Poor	37	32	NA	NA
Fair	22	26	NA	NA
Good	12	15	NA	NA
Excellent	--	10	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor	2	--	1	NA
Poor	43	31	27	NA
Fair	25	46	59	NA
Good	25	14	12	NA
Excellent	5	9	1	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	6	--	1	NA
Poor	17	11	10	NA
Fair	48	39	46	NA
Good	14	35	33	NA
Excellent	15	15	10	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	2	2	11	NA
Poor	17	4	31	NA
Fair	52	43	37	NA
Good	19	50	20	NA
Excellent	10	1	1	NA

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