

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF MARCH 2025

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: March for New Mexico brought mostly average temperatures and minimal precipitation, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Producers in Dona Ana County reported worsening drought conditions. Union County producers reported winter wheat and dryland wheat being in good condition, as well as range grasses beginning to green.

According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC), counties in the southeastern corner of New Mexico saw minimal precipitation during the month of March while counties along the northern and western border received trace amounts of precipitation. Temperatures for the month of March were average to 2 degrees above average for most of the State; however, counties along the eastern border saw temperatures 2 to 4 degrees above average. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for March 25, 2.5 percent of the State is now experiencing exceptional drought (D4) conditions. Extreme drought (D3) conditions increased from 14 percent last month to roughly 25 percent during the month of February. Severe drought (D2) conditions increased approximately 25 percentage points - from approximately 15 percent of the State last month to roughly 40 percent of the State this month. Moderate drought (D1) conditions covered 21 percent of the State, and abnormally dry (D0) conditions covered roughly 11.5 percent.

Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 14 percent very short, 19 percent short, and 67 percent adequate, compared with 4 percent short, 91 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus last month. Stock water supplies were reported as 20 percent very short, 20 percent short, and 60 percent adequate, compared with 9 percent very short, 51 percent short, and 40 percent adequate last month.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Chile				
Planted.....	2	NA	10	NA
Pecans				
Harvested.....	97	93	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	40	36	44	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	75	81	87	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambled.....	50	35	36	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	84	79	65	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.....	73	26	46	NA
Short.....	25	53	42	NA
Adequate.....	2	21	10	NA
Surplus.....	--	--	2	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	73	17	44	NA
Short.....	25	60	41	NA
Adequate.....	2	23	14	NA
Surplus.....	--	--	1	NA

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
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	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	3	NA	NA	NA
Poor	10	NA	NA	NA
Fair	47	NA	NA	NA
Good	40	NA	NA	NA
Excellent.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very Poor.....	23	9	35	NA
Poor.....	28	22	34	NA
Fair.....	25	57	23	NA
Good.....	17	12	8	NA
Excellent.....	7	--	--	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor	1	--	2	NA
Poor	10	24	25	NA
Fair	20	49	54	NA
Good	1	27	14	NA
Excellent.....	68	--	5	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	2	2	4	NA
Poor	10	21	22	NA
Fair	30	57	54	NA
Good	11	20	14	NA
Excellent.....	47	--	6	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	1	--	3	NA
Poor	4	--	23	NA
Fair	47	44	58	NA
Good	47	56	15	NA
Excellent.....	1	--	1	NA

NA – not available

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