

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF JANUARY 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: The New Year began with very little precipitation for the month of January, with every station that reported recording below normal rainfall for the year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. In fact for this 28-day period, 10 out of the 45 weather stations reported no precipitation. Overall, topsoil moisture levels were reported as 15 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 21 percent for the month of December, and 47 percent last year. Of the stations that accumulated precipitation during the month, only one station reported more than an inch of rain. Average temperatures ranged from -7 degrees below normal to 5 degrees above normal. While moisture was received in some areas during the first part of the year, extremely dry conditions were reported across the State. Daytime highs varied from 52 degrees at Chama to 79 degrees at Clayton. Overnight lows ranged from -18 degrees at Angel Fire to 22 degrees at New Mexico State University. Statewide, winter wheat condition continued to deteriorate since the end of December, with 10 percent reported as good to excellent, compared with 27 percent for December, and 8 percent last year. Comments from the Northeast part of the State noted drought like conditions and stress to wheat due to lack of moisture. In Union County, cattle were reported grazing native grass, corn hay grazer and sorghum stocks as well as wheat. Native grass conditions in this county ranged from fair to good but were reported to be extremely dry with no measurable precipitation received for the last 100 days. Roosevelt and San Miguel Counties also reported extremely dry conditions. In Rio Arriba County, reporters noted that ranchers were getting ready for calving. In Luna County some rain was received and helped with soil conditions, however a lack of enough moisture had left water tanks dry. Reports in Lea County stated that conditions are getting extremely dry with range fires being reported. Supplemental feeding continued to be needed especially in dry areas where native grasses were already deteriorated. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 2 percent very short, 16 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus, compared with 5 percent very short, 21 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last month. Stock water supplies were reported as 13 percent very short, 27 percent short, and 60 percent adequate, compared with 10 percent very short, 23 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last month.

Monthly reports will be released for February on Monday, February 26, 2018; and for March on Monday, March 26, 2018.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Pecans				
Harvested.....	95	89	55	NA
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	4	NA	3	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	87	73	84	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed	1	NA	1	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	67	63	76	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.....	29	55	5	NA
Short.....	56	24	48	NA
Adequate.....	14	19	45	NA
Surplus.....	1	2	2	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	17	41	8	NA
Short.....	62	40	37	NA
Adequate.....	21	17	54	NA
Surplus.....	--	2	1	NA

NA – not available

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CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Commodity	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	7	16	1	NA
Poor.....	55	40	54	NA
Fair.....	28	17	37	NA
Good.....	9	26	5	NA
Excellent.....	1	1	3	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	2	--	NA
Poor.....	4	2	3	NA
Fair.....	53	24	51	NA
Good.....	40	69	39	NA
Excellent.....	3	3	7	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	1	25	4	NA
Poor.....	7	18	8	NA
Fair.....	41	11	33	NA
Good.....	51	46	54	NA
Excellent.....	--	--	1	NA

NA – not available

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New Mexico's weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/NM-Weather-01282018.pdf