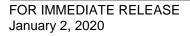
## **NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS**

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF DECEMBER 2019

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** December's weather pattern delivered mountain snow to areas, and some rainfall to lower elevations; however, total rainfall accumulations were below average for many locations which led to soil moisture depletion, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Notes from Mora County suggested that snowpack levels in the area were excellent. Statewide, temperatures were generally warmer than normal during the month. Reports from Union County indicated that cattle were grazing corn and sorghum stalks, as well as wheat pastures, with wheat showing signs of drought stress. During December, row crop producers had virtually completed the corn and cotton harvests. The red chile harvest was 93 percent complete by month's end. The United States Drought Monitor released on January 2 noted that the State remained free of exceptional and extreme drought (D3 and D4). Severe drought (D2) covered 15.3 percent of the State, compared with 17.6 percent from the Drought Monitor for November 26. The area classified in moderate drought (D1) - currently 13.1 percent - showed a drastic decrease from the end of November. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse were evident across 47.1 percent of the State, a 25.8 percentage point improvement when compared with the end of November. Drought-free conditions were present across 52.9 percent of the State. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 38 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 43 percent on November 24. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 22 percent very short, 35 percent short, 41 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 20 percent very short, 35 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus on November 24. Stock water supplies were reported as 24 percent very short, 29 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared with 25 percent very short, 33 percent short, 40 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus on November 24.

**Note:** Monthly reports will be released for January on Monday, January 27, 2020; for February on Monday, February 24, 2020; and for March on Monday, March 30, 2020.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS						
Commodity	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average		
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		
Chile			_			
Red harvested	93	89	NA	NA		
Corn						
Harvested for grain	99	79	NA	NA		
Cotton						
Harvested	97	79	NA	NA		
Pecans						
Harvested	49	18	NA	NA		
Cattle and calves						
Receiving supplemental feed	76	64	NA	NA		
Sheep and lambs		0.	- 14 4			
Receiving supplemental feed	77	65	NA	NA		

NA – not available (--) – zero

## SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	17	22	NA	NA
Short	45	35	NA	NA
Adequate	34	40	NA	NA
Surplus	4	3	NA	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	26	27	NA	NA
Short	48	41	NA	NA
Adequate	25	31	NA	NA
Surplus	1	1	NA	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)		
Pecans						
Very poor			NA	NA		
Poor		10	NA	NA		
Fair	3	6	NA	NA		
Good	25	41	NA	NA		
Excellent	72	43	NA	NA		
Winter wheat						
Very poor		2	NA	NA		
Poor	19	12	NA	NA		
Fair	44	30	NA	NA		
Good	35	40	NA	NA		
Excellent	2	16	NA	NA		
Cattle and calves						
Very poor	1	1	NA	NA		
Poor	21	15	NA	NA		
Fair	37	42	NA	NA		
Good	28	25	NA	NA		
Excellent	13	17	NA	NA		
Sheep and lambs						
Very poor	1	1	NA	NA		
Poor	9	9	NA	NA		
Fair	55	49	NA	NA		
Good	35	40	NA	NA		
Excellent		1	NA	NA		

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