



January 2026 Climate Highlights for Central & Northern New Mexico

Photo Courtesy Sean D. (Jan. 2026)



January Temperatures

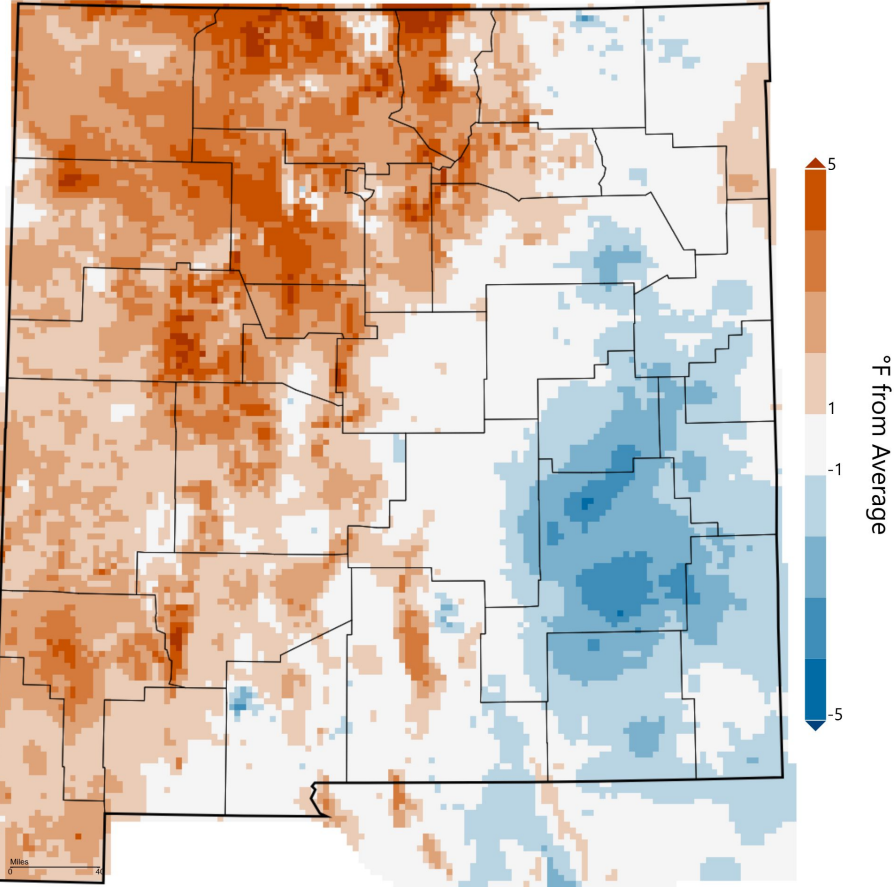
Location	Observed Avg. Temp (°F)	Normal Avg. Temp (°F)	Departure (°F)	Rank <small>Years in POR</small> <small>(1 is hottest)</small>
Albuquerque (KABQ)	41.6°	37.4°	+4.2°	5 ¹³⁶
Roswell (KROW)	37.6°	42.7°	-5.1°	105 ¹³⁵
Clayton (KCAO)	36.9°	35.5°	+1.4°	34 ¹³¹
Las Vegas (KLVS)	33.9°	33.1°	+0.8°	27 ⁸⁷
Santa Fe (KSAF)	33.5°	32.1°	+1.4°	15 ⁸⁶
Tucumcari (KTCC)	37.9°	38.6°	-0.7°	31 ⁷⁹
Farmington (KFMN)	33.1°	31.1°	+2.0°	11 ⁸⁶
Gallup (KGUP)	31.5°	29.8°	+1.7°	14 ⁵⁴

KRTN not included due to missing data
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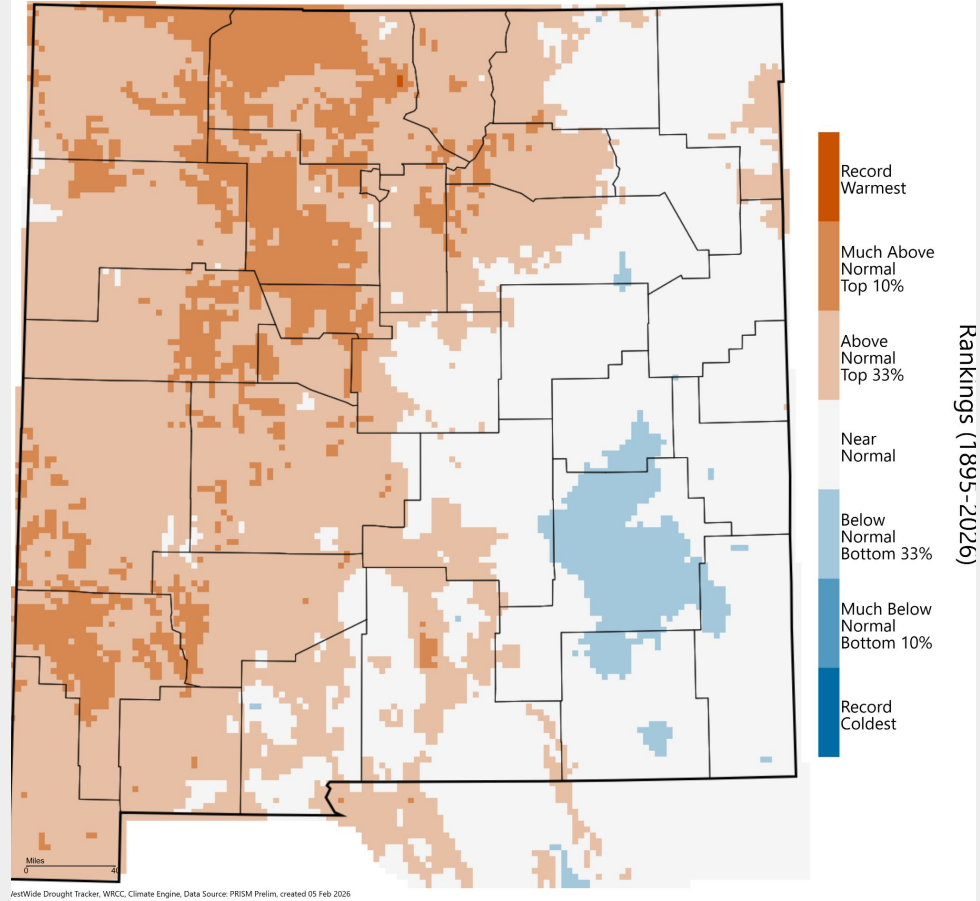


January Temperatures

New Mexico - Mean Temperature
January 2026, Departure from 1991-2020 Average



New Mexico - Mean Temperature
January 2026, Percentile



January Precipitation

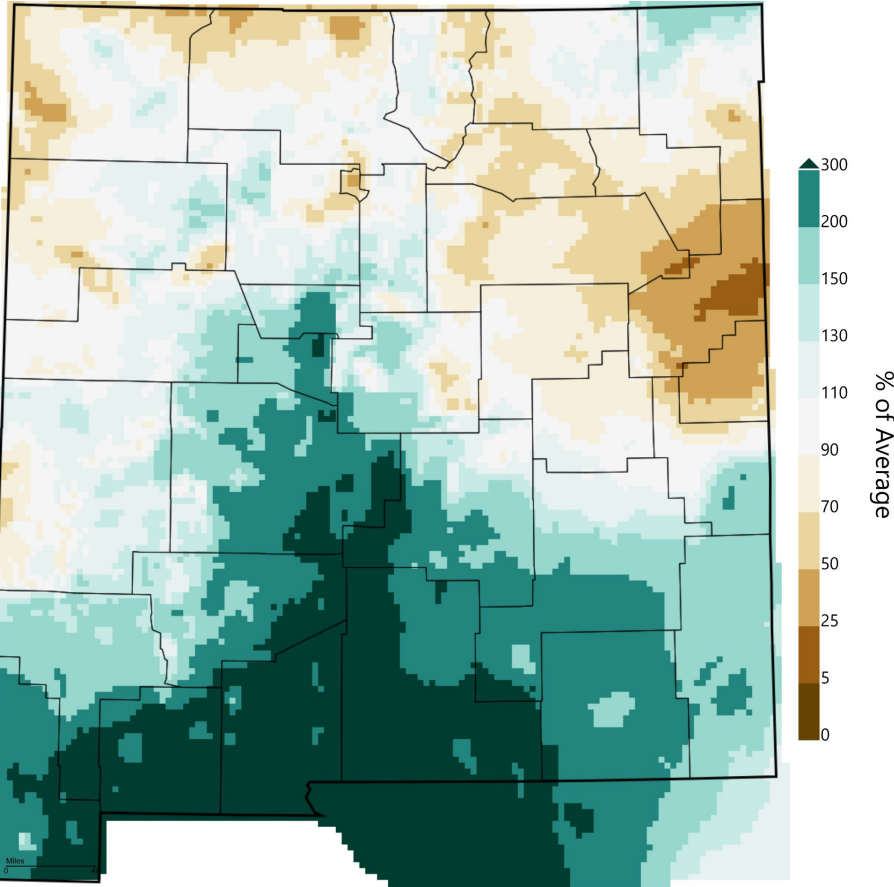
Location	Observed Precip (in)	Normal Precip (in)	Departure (in)	Rank ^{Years in POR} (1 is wettest)
Albuquerque (KABQ)	0.98"	0.36"	+0.62"	12 ¹³⁶
Roswell (KROW)	1.06"	0.36"	+0.70"	11 ¹³⁵
Clayton (KCAO)	0.77"	0.33"	+0.44"	12 ¹³¹
Raton (KRTN)	0.46"	0.37"	+0.09"	13 ⁸⁶
Tucumcari (KTCC)	0.06"	0.40"	-0.34"	38 ⁷⁹
Farmington (KFMN)	1.17"	0.72"	+0.45"	9 ⁸⁶
Gallup (KGUP)	0.32"	0.81"	-0.49"	38 ⁵⁴

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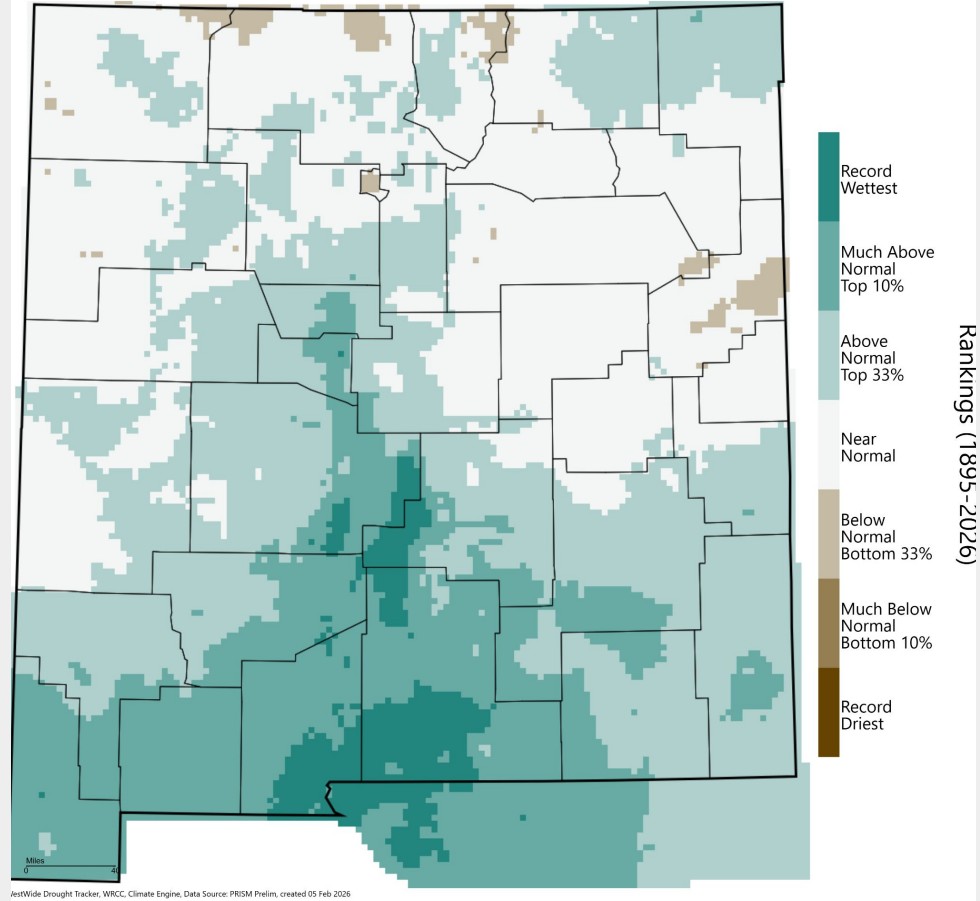


January Precipitation

New Mexico - Precipitation
January 2026, Percent of 1991-2020 Average



New Mexico - Precipitation
January 2026, Percentile



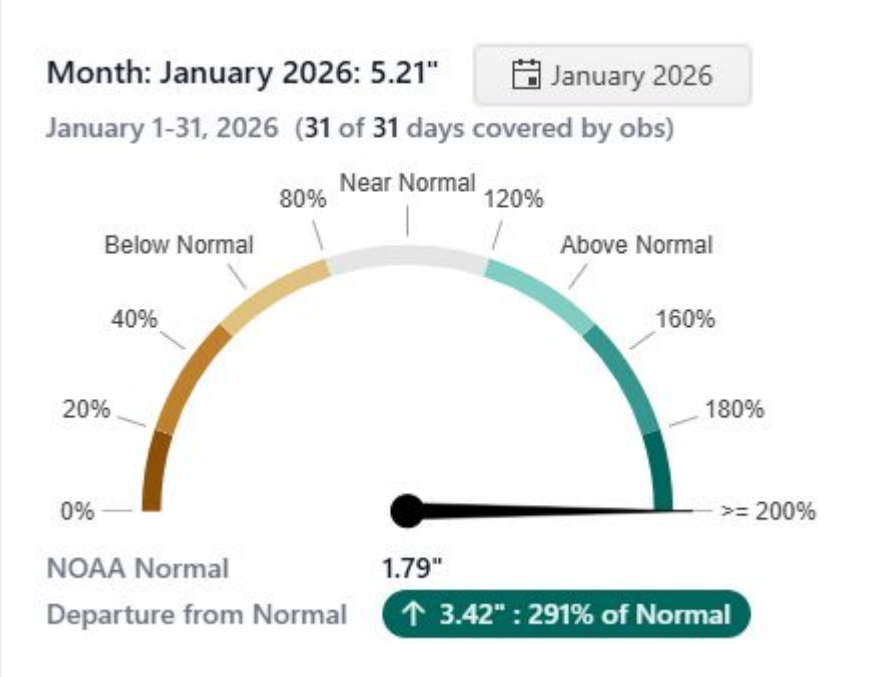
Highest CoCoRaHS Reports

Station Name	Total Snowfall (Inches)
Alto 7.4 W	42.0"
Cloudcroft 0.4 ESE	24.5"
Nogal 4.6 SSE	16.9"
Santa Fe 17.8 SSE	15.0"
Truchas 1.4 ESE	14.9"
Chama 12.3 SSE	14.7"
Tijeras 5.1 E	14.0"
Timberon 0.3 NNW	14.0"
Santa Fe 16.3 SSE	13.5"

Station Name	Total Snowfall (Inches)
Taos 1.6 SE	13.5"
Arroyo Seco 2.3 SW	13.2"
Tijeras 3.5 E	12.8"
Tijeras 8.2 SSE	12.8"
Sandia Park 4.9 ESE	12.5"
Santa Fe 16.7 SSE	12.3"
Taos 4.3 NNW	12.3"
San Cristobal 0.1 NE	12.3"
Tijeras 9.1 SE	12.2"

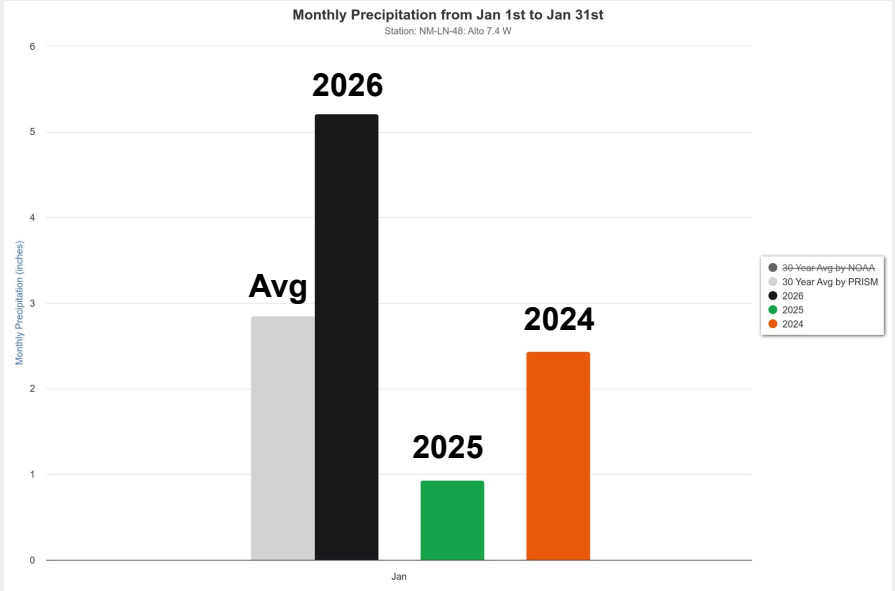


Cocorahs Station of the Month: Alto 7.4 W

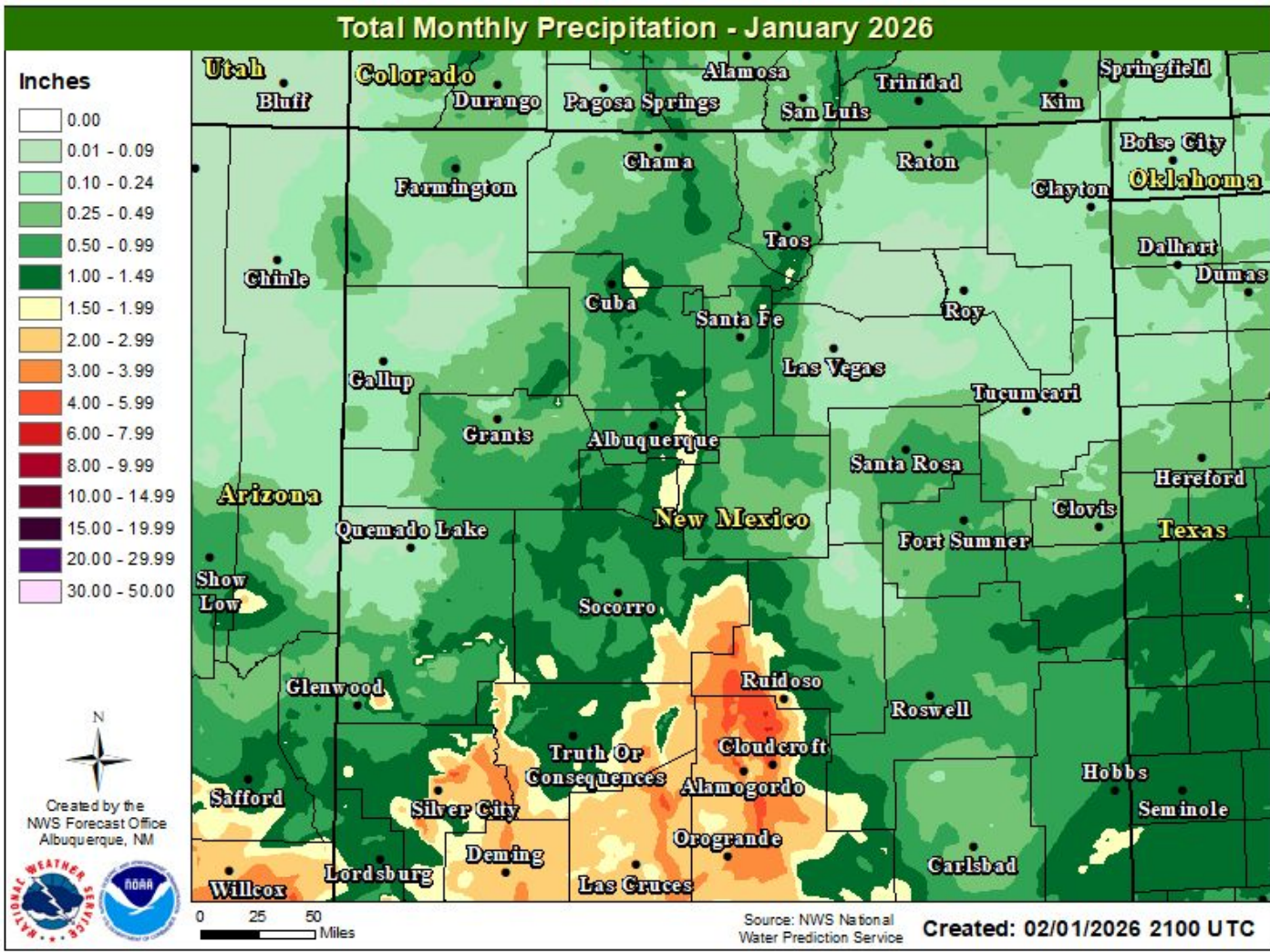


Precipitation this past January was almost 300% of normal.

With 42" of snowfall this January, this station had significantly more snow than the January of 2024 and 2025 combined.

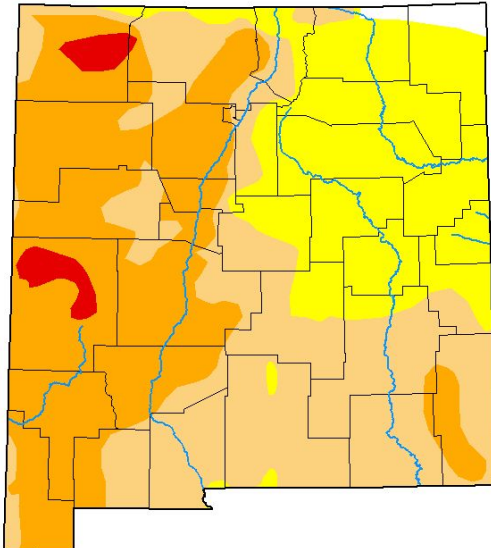


Monthly Precipitation



Current Drought Conditions & Four Week Improvement

U.S. Drought Monitor New Mexico



February 3, 2026
(Released Thursday, Feb. 5, 2026)
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	1.01	98.99	71.50	36.57	1.99	0.00
Last Week <small>01-27-2026</small>	1.01	98.99	71.50	50.28	1.99	0.00
3 Months Ago <small>11-04-2025</small>	18.04	81.96	70.81	48.76	10.16	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <small>01-06-2026</small>	0.01	99.99	71.71	51.89	2.59	0.00
Start of Water Year <small>09-30-2025</small>	19.91	80.09	68.67	47.53	14.45	2.41
One Year Ago <small>02-04-2025</small>	16.98	83.02	47.36	27.57	8.93	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

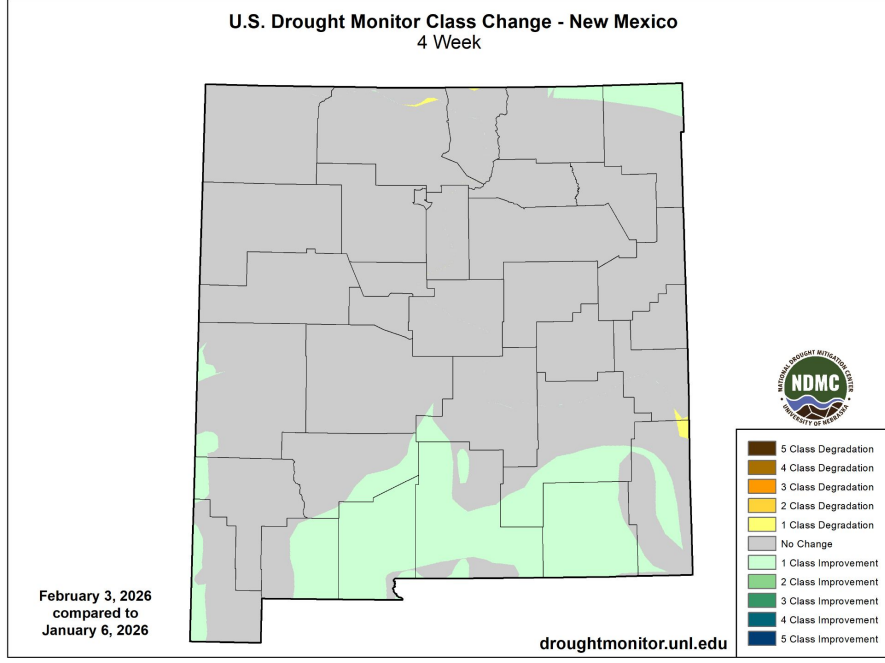
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U.S. Drought Monitor Class Change - New Mexico 4 Week



February 3, 2026
compared to
January 6, 2026



- 5 Class Degradation
- 4 Class Degradation
- 3 Class Degradation
- 2 Class Degradation
- 1 Class Degradation
- No Change
- 1 Class Improvement
- 2 Class Improvement
- 3 Class Improvement
- 4 Class Improvement
- 5 Class Improvement

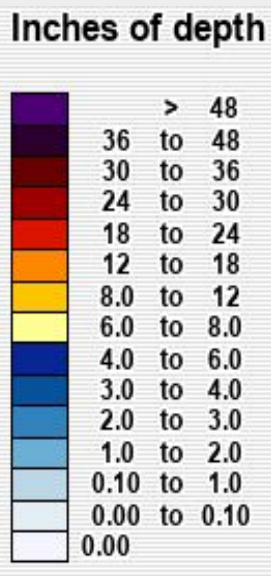
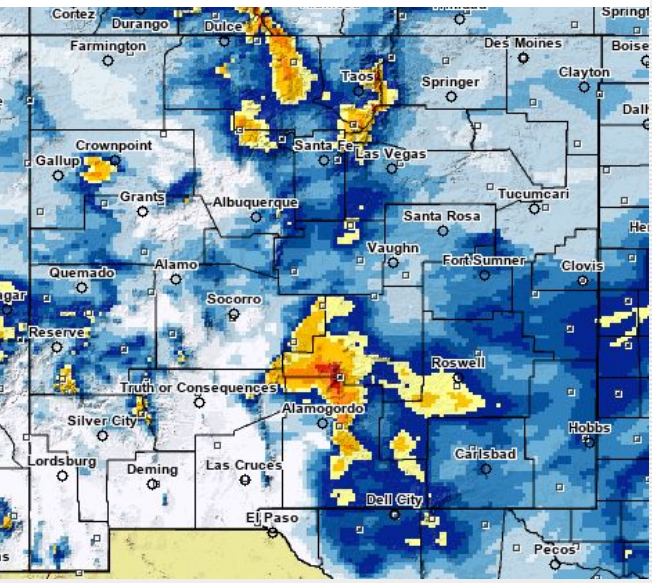
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Weather Event of the Month: Late January Ice/Snowstorm

A winter storm brought the most significant snowfall in years to portions of south-central and southeastern NM January 23rd through the 25th. Freezing rain also occurred in this same areas, resulting in downed trees and power outages. Snowfall totals up to 31" were recorded in the Sacramento mountains. Bitterly cold temperatures with wind chills below -10F occurred in the eastern plains after snow ended and Clayton, NM fell below freezing for 89 hours.

72 hr snowfall ending 5am January 25th (in)



Snow - Roswell, NM



Photo Courtesy Kelly Mack Cassels

Freezing Rain Hagerman, NM



Photo Courtesy Mary Rebman

Freezing Rain - Ruidoso, NM



Photo Courtesy Carlos Saenz



Additional Resources

PRISM Charts: <https://prism.oregonstate.edu/>

CPC Outlooks: <https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/>

NCEI Climatological Rankings:
<https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/monitoring/climate-at-a-glance/statewide/time-series>

