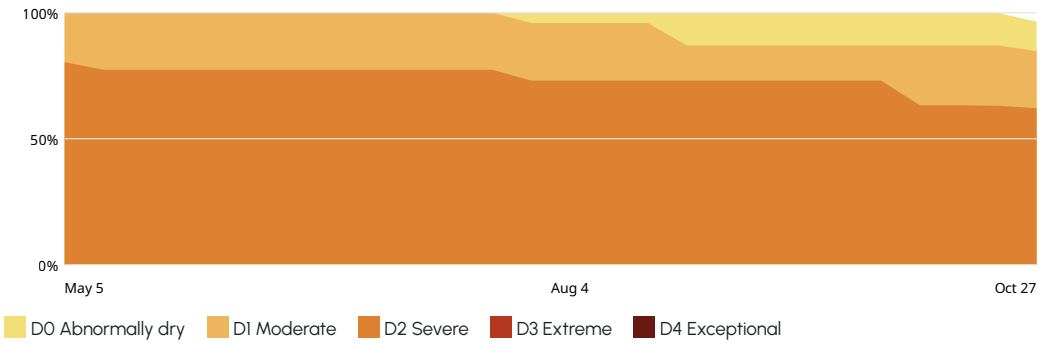
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COUNTY DROUGHT AND BURN-BAN BRIEF · NOV 1, 2026

Hidalgo County, New Mexico

Drought

Severe drought across most of the county (62%). Some severe drought (D2) or worse for **148 straight weeks**.



Share of the county in each level, last 26 weeks. Source: U.S. Drought Monitor, map dated Oct 27, 2026.

Drought pay (LFP)

On FSA's 2026 Livestock Forage Disaster Program list, up to 4 monthly payments. Applications and papers for 2026 losses are due **Mar 1, 2027** at the county FSA office (7 CFR 1416.206(a)).

Source: FSA LFP eligibility file posted Oct 29, 2026.

Disaster designations

- S6173 · Primary · Drought · approved Apr 10, 2026
- S6161 · Contiguous · Drought · approved Apr 6, 2026
- S5942 · Contiguous · Drought · approved Mar 25, 2025
- S5949 · Primary · Drought · approved Mar 25, 2025

Primary or contiguous, both open FSA emergency loans for about 8 months.
Source: USDA secretarial designations.

Burn ban

No state fire restrictions.

Source: New Mexico EMNRD Forestry Division, as of Oct 6, 2026.

Fire weather and fires

No NWS fire-weather alerts right now.

No mapped wildfires within 50 miles.

Sources: National Weather Service alerts; NIFC current fire perimeters, layer updated Nov 1, 2026.

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