



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MARCH 15, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Temperatures remained well above normal throughout much of Colorado while precipitation was received sporadically in trace amounts. The warm temperatures spurred opportunities for planting preparations and allowed winter wheat to begin breaking dormancy. As of March 16, mountain snowpack statewide was 84 percent of average. The Southwest and San Luis Valley were 80 and 73 percent of average, respectively. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 2 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 62 percent average and 38 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 86 percent average, and 13 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cows calved	39	NA	38	41
Ewes lambled	27	NA	27	29
Sugarbeets planted	1	NA	--	--
Winter Wheat Pastured.....	12	NA	4	NA

(NA) – not available

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PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	5	NA	6	17
Poor	38	NA	26	23
Fair	21	NA	35	34
Good.....	33	NA	32	25
Excellent.....	3	NA	1	1

(NA) – not available

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Days suitable for fieldwork	5.9	NA	5.1	4.3
Topsoil moisture				
Very short.....	6	NA	7	15
Short.....	26	NA	39	33
Adequate	67	NA	49	48
Surplus	1	NA	5	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	14	NA	22	22
Short.....	35	NA	30	32
Adequate	49	NA	46	43
Surplus	2	NA	2	3

(NA) – not available

(--) - zero

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Commodity	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Livestock.....	--	3	23	67	7
Winter wheat.....	--	10	41	43	6

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