



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MARCH 29, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Above normal temperatures were sustained last week while precipitation occurred in trace amounts, stimulating pasture growth and spurring opportunities for fieldwork in most districts. High winds impacted eastern districts while localized moisture stress was apparent in several instances. Calving and lambing progressed well amid warm and dry conditions. As of March 30, mountain snowpack statewide was 74 percent of average. The Southwest and San Luis Valley were 60 and 66 percent of average, respectively. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 4 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 1 percent heavy, 64 percent average and 35 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 84 percent average, and 15 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley planted	4	1	11	17
Cows calved	59	50	63	61
Ewes lambled	54	35	49	48
Onions planted	2	1	13	19
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley	9	NA	--	2
Spring wheat planted.....	6	1	4	11
Sugarbeets planted	6	3	5	3
Winter Wheat				
Pastured	10	13	3	4
Jointed	2	NA	2	3

(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	5	10	17
Poor	37	38	26	25
Fair	24	24	34	32
Good.....	31	30	29	25
Excellent.....	3	3	1	1

(NA) – not available

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.1	6.1	6.0	5.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	8	8	16	18
Short.....	27	27	36	29
Adequate	64	64	46	51
Surplus	1	1	2	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	15	16	24	23
Short.....	34	36	33	32
Adequate	49	46	42	44
Surplus	2	2	1	1

(NA) – not available

(--)- zero

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Commodity	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Livestock.....	0	3	23	65	9
Winter wheat.....	1	10	31	50	8

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