



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 12, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Soil moisture supplies were reduced following high winds and dry conditions, maintained from the previous week. Fieldwork continued while precipitation events were generally isolated within the northeastern part of the State. Calving and lambing progressed well without notable concerns. As of April 8, mountain snowpack statewide was 65 percent of average. The Southwest and San Luis Valley were 49 and 51 percent of average, respectively. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 6 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 68 percent average and 32 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	23	8	28	30
Emerged	1	--	3	12
Onions				
Planted	25	16	38	45
Potatoes				
Planted (Outside San Luis Valley)	35	25	5	11
Spring wheat				
Planted	18	13	18	23
Emerged	6	3	2	6
Sugarbeets				
Planted	14	7	15	12
Winter wheat				
Pastured	9	9	7	6
Jointed	9	3	6	12
Cows calved	81	70	79	76
Ewes lambled	75	65	71	68

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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	11	17
Poor	35	35	25	23
Fair	31	30	36	34
Good	27	28	27	25
Excellent	2	2	1	1

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.4	6.0	6.0	5.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	8	8	15	17
Short	34	29	33	30
Adequate.....	57	62	51	51
Surplus.....	1	1	1	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	16	15	24	22
Short	37	34	32	33
Adequate.....	45	49	43	44
Surplus.....	2	2	1	1

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Commodity	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Winter wheat	3	11	32	47	7
Livestock.....	--	2	24	65	9

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