



# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 26, 2015

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Last week was marked by cooler temperatures throughout Colorado while replenishing precipitation events were noted in several localities. However, portions of Colorado stricken by persisting dry conditions remained without adequate moisture, particularly in the southeast district. Planting activities progressed well in spite of the precipitation events. Reporters in the San Luis Valley expressed concerns over an apparent lack of irrigation reserves. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 7 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 65 percent average and 35 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 82 percent average, and 17 percent light.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted .....	51	27	59	59
Emerged .....	18	4	26	26
Corn				
Planted .....	10	1	14	12
Dry Beans				
Planted .....	1	--	--	--
Onions				
Planted .....	60	33	67	73
Potatoes				
Inside San Luis Valley				
Planted.....	4	--	--	1
Outside San Luis Valley				
Planted.....	64	43	30	27
Emerged .....	2	--	1	2
Spring wheat				
Planted .....	45	20	42	48
Emerged .....	16	8	17	16
Sugarbeets				
Planted .....	55	29	43	35
Emerged .....	4	--	3	2
Winter wheat				
Pastured.....	8	8	6	NA
Jointed.....	40	20	23	33
Headed .....	1	--	1	1
Cows calved.....	92	87	90	86
Ewes lambled .....	90	83	84	83

(--)- zero

(NA) - not available

**PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	6	7	12	17
Poor.....	28	29	32	23
Fair.....	36	36	30	30
Good.....	27	26	25	28
Excellent.....	3	2	1	2

**DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork .....	4.6	4.3	5.8	5.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	5	16	15
Short.....	25	30	34	26
Adequate.....	68	63	49	55
Surplus.....	3	2	1	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	13	15	24	20
Short.....	31	35	32	31
Adequate.....	53	48	44	47
Surplus.....	3	2	0	2

**CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION**

Commodity	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Winter wheat.....	3	12	33	45	7
Livestock.....	--	2	24	65	9

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