



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 3, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Beneficial precipitation fell in varying amounts in some districts, hindering planting activities for several crops where locally heavy rainfall occurred. Generally, localities in the southeast heavily affected by persisting dry conditions did not benefit adequately from moisture events, according to reporters. Irrigation reserves in the San Luis Valley continued to decline while precipitation was scarce. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 6 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 70 percent average and 30 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 83 percent average, and 16 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	77	51	78	76
Emerged	35	18	39	40
Corn				
Planted	30	10	32	29
Emerged	1	--	1	2
Dry Beans				
Planted	6	1	--	--
Onions				
Planted	84	60	71	80
Potatoes				
Inside San Luis Valley				
Planted.....	15	4	--	6
Outside San Luis Valley				
Planted.....	79	64	48	40
Emerged	7	2	9	7
Sorghum				
Planted	4	--	5	4
Spring wheat				
Planted	53	45	56	62
Emerged	26	16	28	28
Sugarbeets				
Planted	79	55	60	52
Emerged	11	4	11	9
Sunflowers				
Planted	2	NA	--	--
Winter wheat				
Jointed.....	66	40	33	48
Headed	7	1	2	4
Cows calved	96	92	94	90
Ewes lambd	95	90	90	89

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(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	6	13	17
Poor.....	23	28	33	24
Fair.....	36	36	28	30
Good.....	32	27	25	27
Excellent.....	3	3	1	2

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	5.4	4.6	5.5	5.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	4	19	16
Short.....	23	25	40	26
Adequate.....	69	68	41	55
Surplus.....	4	3	--	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	12	13	25	21
Short.....	29	31	33	29
Adequate.....	55	53	42	48
Surplus.....	4	3	--	2

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CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Commodity	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Winter wheat.....	3	11	32	46	8
Livestock.....	--	2	23	66	9

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