



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 10, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Crucial precipitation was received last week, covering vast territories throughout Colorado. Although fieldwork and crop growth were limited, reports indicate pasture and cropland conditions improved significantly in addition to soil moisture supplies. The San Luis Valley did not receive as significant moisture as the other areas, according to reporters. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 6 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 9 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 | 87 | 77 | 89 | 89 |
| Emerged | 52 | 35 | 56 | 58 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Planted | 37 | 30 | 60 | 56 |
| Emerged | 14 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| Dry Beans | | | | |
| Planted | 9 | 6 | 3 | 2 |
| Onions | | | | |
| Planted | 88 | 84 | 89 | 91 |
| Potatoes | | | | |
| Inside San Luis Valley | | | | |
| Planted..... | 29 | 15 | 11 | 29 |
| Outside San Luis Valley | | | | |
| Planted..... | 83 | 79 | 72 | 57 |
| Emerged | 9 | 7 | 19 | 15 |
| Sorghum | | | | |
| Planted | 15 | 4 | 13 | 10 |
| Spring wheat | | | | |
| Planted | 59 | 53 | 80 | 78 |
| Emerged | 39 | 26 | 39 | 42 |
| Sugarbeets | | | | |
| Planted | 89 | 79 | 87 | 72 |
| Emerged | 26 | 11 | 37 | 23 |
| Sunflowers | | | | |
| Planted | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Jointed..... | 85 | 66 | 47 | 61 |
| Headed | 18 | 7 | 12 | 14 |

(--) – 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 | 6 | 13 | 15 |
| Poor..... | 19 | 23 | 28 | 24 |
| Fair..... | 31 | 36 | 30 | 30 |
| Good..... | 40 | 32 | 28 | 28 |
| Excellent..... | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 |

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Days suitable for fieldwork | 2.4 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.8 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 3 | 4 | 16 | 15 |
| Short..... | 15 | 23 | 34 | 26 |
| Adequate..... | 73 | 69 | 48 | 56 |
| Surplus..... | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short..... | 7 | 12 | 24 | 20 |
| Short..... | 24 | 29 | 32 | 30 |
| Adequate..... | 64 | 55 | 43 | 49 |
| Surplus..... | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1 |

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CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

| Commodity | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Onions..... | 2 | 3 | 24 | 58 | 13 |
| Winter wheat..... | 3 | 11 | 31 | 46 | 9 |
| Livestock..... | -- | 1 | 20 | 70 | 9 |

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