



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF DECEMBER 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Moisture events varied as snow cover was abundant in some localities yet limited in others. Several instances of concern were expressed regarding inadequate snow cover protection for winter wheat. As of December 22, snowpack in Colorado was at 106 percent measured as percent of median snowfall.

Monthly reports will be released for January on Monday, February 1, 2016; for February on Monday, February 29, 2016; and for March on Monday, March 28, 2016.

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	4	4	NA
Short.....	23	27	26	NA
Adequate.....	74	65	69	NA
Surplus.....	2	4	1	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	2	8	8	NA
Short.....	26	28	22	NA
Adequate.....	72	62	69	NA
Surplus.....	--	2	1	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	1	1	--	NA
Fair.....	12	12	7	NA
Good.....	80	78	75	NA
Excellent.....	7	9	18	NA
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	2	2	3	NA
Poor.....	8	17	13	NA
Fair.....	28	31	24	NA
Good.....	56	43	55	NA
Excellent.....	6	7	5	NA
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	NA
Poor.....	4	8	1	NA
Fair.....	42	40	37	NA
Good.....	43	43	52	NA
Excellent.....	11	8	10	NA

NA – not available

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