



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MARCH 20, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Unseasonably mild conditions with limited localized precipitation pushed spring tillage activities. Lack of precipitation has remained a concern in most localities. Freezing temperatures were reported in eastern districts with isolated instances of resulting damage to wheat noted by reporters. As of March 21, mountain snowpack statewide was 95 percent of average. The Southwest and San Luis Valley were 83 and 84 percent of average, respectively. Stored feed supplies were rated 8 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 19 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 55 percent average and 45 percent light. Cattle death loss was 77 percent average, and 23 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	1	NA	1	7
Sugarbeets				
Planted	1	NA	2	1
Spring wheat				
Planted	1	NA	1	5
Winter wheat				
Pastured.....	10	NA	13	NA
Cows calved.....	37	NA	47	48
Ewes lambd.....	29	NA	33	36

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	5.6	NA	6.0	5.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	19	NA	8	19
Short.....	28	NA	27	34
Adequate	51	NA	64	46
Surplus	2	NA	1	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	10	NA	16	26
Short.....	27	NA	36	38
Adequate	60	NA	46	35
Surplus	3	NA	2	1

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	NA	--	1
Poor.....	1	NA	3	4
Fair.....	14	NA	23	32
Good.....	77	NA	65	57
Excellent.....	8	NA	9	6
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	14	NA	5	17
Poor.....	17	NA	38	27
Fair.....	37	NA	24	32
Good.....	29	NA	30	22
Excellent.....	3	NA	3	2
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	1	NA	1	12
Poor.....	14	NA	10	20
Fair.....	42	NA	34	38
Good.....	36	NA	50	28
Excellent.....	7	NA	5	2

NA – not available

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