



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 10, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Field activity gained momentum as conditions last week were generally dry with a marked increase in cooler temperatures. Districts in Southwest Colorado experienced high winds with dry conditions, resulting in increased field activity and a net decline in soil moisture. Widespread, isolated precipitation occurred in greatest significance toward week's end. As of April 11, mountain snowpack statewide was 89 percent of average. The Southwest and San Luis Valley were 69 and 73 percent of average, respectively. Stored feed supplies were rated 6 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 59 percent average and 41 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 76 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	14	7	19	28
Onions				
Planted	34	17	22	38
Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley				
Planted	14	5	32	15
Spring wheat				
Planted	9	7	17	21
Sugarbeets				
Planted	12	6	12	11
Winter wheat				
Pastured.....	7	9	9	7
Jointed.....	18	4	7	10
Cows calved.....	74	66	78	75
Ewes lambd	53	40	72	67

NA – not available

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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.....	6.1	4.6	6.3	5.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	10	9	8	19
Short.....	24	21	34	32
Adequate	62	64	57	48
Surplus	4	6	1	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	9	16	25
Short.....	24	23	37	39
Adequate	64	65	45	35
Surplus	3	3	2	1

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	1	1	2	4
Fair.....	13	13	24	29
Good.....	76	77	65	60
Excellent.....	10	9	9	5
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	13	13	5	17
Poor.....	12	13	35	28
Fair.....	35	39	31	33
Good.....	36	31	27	21
Excellent.....	4	4	2	1
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	3	2	3	15
Poor.....	13	14	11	18
Fair.....	31	29	32	36
Good.....	47	47	47	28
Excellent.....	6	8	7	3

NA – not available

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