



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 17, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Fieldwork increased early last week as producers rallied ahead of a weekend storm in which an abundance of snow and rain were received statewide. This event replenished moisture supplies in localities that had experienced prolonged dry conditions. Storm effects were generally positive with several instances of soil saturation. As of April 18, mountain snowpack statewide was 95 percent of average. The Southwest and San Luis Valley were 78 and 77 percent of average, respectively. Stored feed supplies were rated 7 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 59 percent average and 41 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 77 percent average, and 22 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	36	14	26	39
Onions				
Planted	46	34	31	53
Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley				
Planted	32	14	41	23
Spring wheat				
Planted	21	9	19	30
Sugarbeets				
Planted	31	12	25	19
Emerged	2	NA	--	--
Winter wheat				
Pastured.....	7	7	8	8
Jointed.....	35	18	17	18
Cows calved	80	74	85	82
Ewes lambled	68	53	81	75

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.....	5.2	6.1	4.3	5.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	10	5	17
Short.....	17	24	30	32
Adequate	68	62	63	49
Surplus	11	4	2	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	8	9	15	25
Short.....	21	24	35	38
Adequate	67	64	48	36
Surplus	4	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.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	1	3	5
Fair.....	13	13	25	31
Good.....	76	76	63	57
Excellent.....	10	10	9	6
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	12	13	7	19
Poor.....	12	12	29	26
Fair.....	35	35	36	33
Good.....	36	36	26	21
Excellent.....	5	4	2	1
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	3	3	3	13
Poor.....	13	13	13	20
Fair.....	26	31	33	36
Good.....	48	47	44	28
Excellent.....	10	6	7	3

NA – not available

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