



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 24, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Precipitation last week supplied crucial soil moisture, generally improving pasture and crop conditions. Producers managed to sustain planting activities as extensive gains were achieved between precipitation events. As of April 18, mountain snowpack statewide was 95 percent of average. The Southwest and San Luis Valley were 77 and 82 percent of average, respectively. Stored feed supplies were rated 6 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 59 percent average and 41 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 80 percent average, and 19 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	56	36	44	53
Emerged	10	--	14	21
Corn				
Planted	7	--	7	9
Onions				
Planted	70	46	52	67
Potatoes Inside San Luis Valley				
Planted	4	--	3	1
Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley				
Planted	48	32	58	34
Spring Wheat				
Planted	32	21	38	43
Emerged	4	--	14	14
Sugarbeets				
Planted	52	31	48	33
Emerged	16	2	3	2
Winter Wheat				
Pastured	6	7	8	NA
Jointed	54	35	34	30
Cows calved	85	80	91	86
Ewes lambd	79	68	88	82

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.....	4.7	5.2	4.6	5.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	4	4	15
Short.....	12	17	25	30
Adequate.....	75	68	68	53
Surplus.....	10	11	3	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	6	8	13	22
Short.....	21	21	31	35
Adequate.....	69	67	53	42
Surplus.....	4	4	3	1

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	1	2	4
Fair.....	13	13	24	28
Good.....	75	76	65	62
Excellent.....	11	10	9	5
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	8	12	6	17
Poor.....	11	12	28	28
Fair.....	36	35	36	32
Good.....	39	36	27	21
Excellent.....	6	5	3	2
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	3	3	3	13
Poor.....	11	13	12	20
Fair.....	25	26	33	33
Good.....	50	48	45	30
Excellent.....	11	10	7	4

NA – not available

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