



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 1, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Planting activities progressed well early last week until a wintry precipitation event resulted in cool, wet conditions that prevailed through week's end, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. By Sunday night, virtually the whole of Colorado had received precipitation in the form of rain or snow. Positive effects were noted regarding soil moisture supplies while standing and emerging crops were being evaluated for freeze damage. The lack of heat units generally slowed the pace of pasture and range growth as well as crop germination. As of May 2, mountain snowpack statewide was 101 percent of average. The Southwest and San Luis Valley were 97 and 92 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	75	56	70	70
Emerged	33	10	30	34
Corn				
Planted	19	7	24	22
Onions				
Planted	89	70	77	78
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Planted	10	4	12	5
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Planted	72	48	75	46
Emerged	6	--	6	6
Sorghum				
Planted	1	--	3	2
Spring wheat				
Planted	51	32	51	57
Emerged	16	4	23	23
Sugarbeets				
Planted	76	52	72	49
Emerged	25	16	9	7
Winter wheat				
Jointed	67	54	59	45
Headed	1	--	5	3
Cows calved	91	85	95	90
Ewes lambled	88	79	94	88

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	3.9	4.7	5.4	5.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	3	4	18
Short	9	12	23	30
Adequate.....	76	75	69	50
Surplus.....	13	10	4	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	4	6	12	24
Short	15	21	29	34
Adequate.....	75	69	55	41
Surplus.....	6	4	4	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	5
Fair.....	14	13	23	30
Good	75	75	66	58
Excellent	10	11	9	6
Pasture and range				
Very poor	7	8	6	18
Poor.....	12	11	23	27
Fair.....	33	36	36	33
Good	41	39	32	20
Excellent	7	6	3	2
Winter wheat				
Very poor	1	3	3	14
Poor.....	11	11	11	19
Fair.....	23	25	32	33
Good	53	50	46	30
Excellent	12	11	8	4

NA – not available

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