



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 15, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cool, wet conditions persisted in widespread fashion last week, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. However, several days during the previous week saw trace precipitation, which permitted fieldwork in some instances. Planting activities were generally limited outside this narrow window of opportunity while germination and growth of some crops were hindered in kind. Winter wheat jointed and headed remain slightly behind last year while conditions are currently rated 65 percent good to excellent, compared with 55 percent good to excellent last year. Several instances of stripe rust were reported in the eastern district as a consequence of recent conditions. As of May 16, Colorado SNOTEL Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) metrics indicate 123 percent of average, statewide. The Southwest and San Luis Valley were 97 and 98 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 80 percent average and 20 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
1 st cutting	1	--	--	1
Barley				
Planted	96	92	93	94
Emerged	70	41	66	68
Corn				
Planted	64	36	53	67
Emerged	8	1	24	19
Dry beans				
Planted	4	1	10	7
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Planted	65	38	51	50
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Planted	95	94	89	75
Emerged	40	16	30	27
Sorghum				
Planted	3	2	17	13
Spring wheat				
Planted	72	64	63	81
Emerged	35	29	46	49
Sugarbeets				
Planted	93	88	93	81
Emerged	62	40	45	39
Sunflowers				
Planted	4	3	4	4
Winter wheat				
Jointed	88	79	91	73
Headed	20	8	38	28

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	5.3	4.7	3.3	5.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	2	2	13
Short	8	8	15	26
Adequate.....	77	78	72	57
Surplus.....	13	12	11	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	4	4	6	20
Short	13	15	23	33
Adequate.....	76	74	65	45
Surplus.....	7	7	6	2

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)
Barley				
Very poor	--	NA	--	1
Poor.....	--	NA	--	3
Fair.....	18	NA	38	31
Good	64	NA	60	53
Excellent	18	NA	2	12
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	1	1	3
Fair.....	13	13	17	27
Good	76	76	71	63
Excellent	10	10	11	6
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	7	7	5	13
Poor.....	10	10	19	24
Fair.....	27	29	28	34
Good	47	46	41	26
Excellent	9	8	7	3
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	6	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	22	NA	NA	NA
Good	69	NA	NA	NA
Excellent	2	NA	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	1	3	15
Poor.....	11	11	11	17
Fair.....	23	22	31	35
Good	52	53	45	29
Excellent	13	13	10	4

NA – not available

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