



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF DECEMBER 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Seasonal snow and rainfall occurred in the greatest amounts within western Colorado and along the Front Range, with eastern counties receiving some sporadic moisture. Reporters in eastern districts noted that lack of winter snow cover, coupled with cold and mostly dry conditions, is a concern for the health of winter wheat stands. Pasture condition also remains a concern in those areas that have received little good moisture. Livestock are reported to be in good condition with sufficient feed supplies and availability of winter grazing. As of January 1, 2017, snowpack in Colorado was at 113 percent measured as percent of median snowfall.

Monthly reports will be released for January on Monday, January 30, 2017; for February on Monday, February 27, 2017; and for March on Monday, March 27, 2017.

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	10	21	1	NA
Short.....	36	39	23	NA
Adequate.....	52	39	74	NA
Surplus.....	2	1	2	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	10	18	2	NA
Short.....	34	41	26	NA
Adequate.....	55	41	72	NA
Surplus.....	1	--	--	NA

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Livestock				
Very poor	1	--	--	NA
Poor	3	2	1	NA
Fair	14	11	12	NA
Good	72	75	80	NA
Excellent	10	12	17	NA
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	1	5	2	NA
Poor	26	14	8	NA
Fair	43	37	28	NA
Good	27	40	56	NA
Excellent	3	4	6	NA
Winter Wheat				
Very poor	2	3	--	NA
Poor	23	12	4	NA
Fair	35	38	42	NA
Good	38	41	43	NA
Excellent	2	6	11	NA

NA – not available

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