



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Record high temperatures during February reduced snow cover significantly in eastern districts, although some western counties continued to receive seasonal snowfall. Warm, windy, and dry conditions were largely concerning for wheat and pasture condition in areas where adequate moisture hasn't been received throughout the season. Reporters in eastern counties noted that some wheat is breaking dormancy due to warm temperatures. Warm weather has been favorable for livestock condition and early fieldwork. As of February 27, 2017, snowpack in Colorado was at 138 percent measured as percent of median snowfall.

The monthly report for March will be released on Monday, March 27, 2017.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cows Calved	14	NA	13	NA
Ewes Lambled	7	NA	10	NA

NA – not available
(--) – zero

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Very short	10	10	9	NA
Short	36	25	17	NA
Adequate	53	62	70	NA
Surplus	1	3	4	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	12	8	4	NA
Short	34	34	20	NA
Adequate	53	55	69	NA
Surplus	1	3	7	NA

NA – not available
(--) – zero

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.....	4	3	2	NA
Fair.....	18	20	14	NA
Good.....	71	66	75	NA
Excellent.....	7	10	9	NA
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	13	1	14	NA
Poor.....	17	11	10	NA
Fair.....	42	56	33	NA
Good.....	25	28	40	NA
Excellent.....	3	4	3	NA
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	6	5	--	NA
Poor.....	21	16	12	NA
Fair.....	33	43	43	NA
Good.....	37	33	36	NA
Excellent.....	3	3	9	NA

NA – not available

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