



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 16, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Spring fieldwork advanced this past week with drier conditions throughout the state, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Counties where temperatures were warmer with high winds saw a decline in soil moisture. Reporters noted pasture and crop conditions in areas that received needed moisture earlier in the month continue to respond positively. However, warm and dry conditions hasten the need for more precipitation soon. Planting is well underway for several crops, with calving and lambing progressing well for livestock producers. As of April 17th, snowpack in Colorado was at 96 percent measured as percent of median snowfall. The Southwest and San Luis Valley were 113 and 104 percent, respectively. Stored feed supplies were rated 4 percent short, 85 percent adequate, 11 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 32 percent average and 68 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 74 percent average, 25 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	38	11	33	36
Corn				
Planted	1	--	--	1
Onions				
Planted	41	15	44	48
Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley				
Planted	24	10	29	25
Spring wheat				
Planted	19	11	19	27
Sugarbeets				
Planted	14	7	28	22
Winter wheat				
Pastured.....	12	14	7	NA
Jointed.....	18	6	33	20
Cows calved	76	69	79	81
Ewes lambed	61	44	66	73

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	6.3	4.6	5.2	5.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	4	4	4	11
Short	19	17	17	29
Adequate.....	73	75	68	57
Surplus.....	4	4	11	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	7	8	8	20
Short	29	28	21	35
Adequate.....	63	63	67	44
Surplus.....	1	1	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.....	3	3	1	5
Fair.....	19	17	13	26
Good	70	71	76	61
Excellent	8	9	10	7
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	5	2	12	18
Poor.....	26	26	12	24
Fair.....	34	36	35	33
Good	31	32	36	23
Excellent	4	4	5	2
Winter Wheat				
Very poor	6	5	3	10
Poor.....	17	18	13	17
Fair.....	36	35	26	34
Good	33	34	48	34
Excellent	8	8	10	5

NA – not available

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