



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 7, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Planting progress was achieved between precipitation events throughout the state this past week, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Received moisture and cooler temperatures early in the week held back emergence in areas, but picked up with warmer temperatures to finish the week. Received moisture continues to improve soil moisture and pasture conditions. Reporters noted incidences of wheat stripe rust in Northeast and East Central counties. In Southeast counties, crop and livestock damage was still being assessed from the previous week's heavy snowstorm. Reporters note that freeze damage to winter wheat leaves and the flag leaf was evident, but damage to the head is undetermined. Bent and Prowers counties reported the heaviest livestock losses from the storm, and a reporter noted wheat was down in areas with some broken off due to heavy snow. As of May 8th, snowpack in Colorado was at 95 percent measured as percent of median snowfall. The Southwest and San Luis Valley were 105 and 99 percent, respectively. Stored feed supplies were rated 4 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 52 percent average and 48 percent light. Cattle death loss was 2 percent heavy, 76 percent average, and 22 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	87	77	90	84
Emerg'd	55	29	40	47
Corn				
Planted	29	16	34	39
Emerg'd	3	--	1	5
Onions				
Planted	75	66	94	87
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Planted	76	61	91	69
Emerg'd	12	4	15	15
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Planted	33	13	34	22
Sorghum				
Planted	3	--	2	7
Spring wheat				
Planted	64	48	62	67
Emerg'd	32	11	27	36
Sugarbeets				
Planted	71	45	86	72
Emerg'd	22	9	38	24
Sunflowers				
Planted	1	NA	3	2
Winter wheat				
Jointed	79	55	77	61
Headed	3	--	7	12
Cows calved	91	87	96	94
Ewes lambed	88	79	95	94

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	4.8	4.3	4.7	4.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	3	2	10
Short	10	10	8	23
Adequate.....	83	80	78	61
Surplus.....	5	7	12	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	3	6	4	16
Short	23	23	15	30
Adequate.....	73	70	74	51
Surplus.....	1	1	7	3

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)
Alfalfa				
Very poor	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	3	4	NA	NA
Fair.....	17	16	NA	NA
Good	71	70	NA	NA
Excellent	9	10	NA	NA
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	2	1	4
Fair.....	15	19	13	23
Good	74	70	76	67
Excellent	9	9	10	6
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	1	2	7	15
Poor.....	8	13	10	21
Fair.....	38	39	29	30
Good	49	40	46	31
Excellent	4	6	8	3
Winter Wheat				
Very poor	4	3	1	11
Poor.....	12	13	11	14
Fair.....	39	37	22	30
Good	38	42	53	38
Excellent	7	5	13	7

NA – not available

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