



# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Soil moisture supplies declined during the month of February due to dry, windy weather and both warm and cold temperature extremes, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Statewide, continued dry conditions were very concerning for pasture and winter wheat conditions. Nearly all counties in the state experienced at least abnormally dry conditions. Reporters in eastern counties noted little snow cover on winter wheat along with cold, windy weather which caused some fields to blow were troubling for the crop. They also noted small snow storms were beneficial, but much more moisture is needed going into spring. In the San Luis Valley, dry conditions were prevalent with supplemental feeding of livestock increasing due to pasture conditions. Reporters in southwestern counties noted some good moisture was received late in the month, but many areas continued to suffer from severe to extreme drought. The winter wheat crop in Montezuma county was reported to be in extremely poor condition with high rates of failure. Statewide, calving and lambing was underway with livestock noted to be in mostly good condition. As of February 23, 2018, snowpack in Colorado was at 73 percent measured as percent of median snowfall.

The next report will be released on March 26, 2018 and will be the first of weekly reports for the 2018 season.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	17	NA	14	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed.....	14	NA	7	NA

NA – not available

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### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Very short.....	33	21	10	NA
Short.....	31	38	36	NA
Adequate.....	36	41	53	NA
Surplus.....	--	--	1	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	16	7	12	NA
Short.....	30	29	34	NA
Adequate.....	54	64	53	NA
Surplus.....	--	--	1	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor .....	9	2	13	NA
Poor.....	27	26	17	NA
Fair.....	31	36	42	NA
Good .....	31	34	25	NA
Excellent .....	2	2	3	NA
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor .....	5	3	6	NA
Poor.....	22	25	21	NA
Fair.....	42	35	33	NA
Good .....	28	36	37	NA
Excellent .....	3	1	3	NA
<b>Livestock</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	3	2	4	NA
Fair.....	21	14	18	NA
Good .....	72	78	71	NA
Excellent .....	4	6	7	NA

NA – not available

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