



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF JANUARY 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Minimal moisture received during the month of January resulted in diminished topsoil moisture supplies across the state, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Overall, the entire state remained in moderate to exceptional drought, according to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor report. Warm and windy weather, detrimental to winter wheat, was reported. A reporter noted some winter wheat had been chiseled in to prevent blowing. In southwestern counties, a reporter noted winter snowpack was good, which was helping to improve soil moisture conditions. In the San Luis Valley, dry conditions persisted and a reporter noted that hay supplies were minimal. In southeastern counties, conditions were noted as extremely dry and moisture was needed. As of January 21, 2021, snowpack in Colorado was 72 percent measured as percent of median snowfall.

Note: The monthly report for February will be released on Monday, February 22, 2021.

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Very short.....	40	33	12	NA
Short.....	39	44	49	NA
Adequate	21	23	34	NA
Surplus.....	--	--	5	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	40	35	8	NA
Short.....	43	48	26	NA
Adequate	17	17	63	NA
Surplus.....	--	--	3	NA

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Pasture and range				
Very poor	27	29	8	NA
Poor.....	44	36	15	NA
Fair.....	25	29	31	NA
Good	4	6	44	NA
Excellent	--	--	2	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor	18	15	5	NA
Poor.....	18	19	19	NA
Fair.....	47	47	23	NA
Good	16	18	50	NA
Excellent	1	1	3	NA
Livestock				
Very poor	2	1	--	NA
Poor.....	6	6	3	NA
Fair.....	30	33	19	NA
Good	54	49	68	NA
Excellent	8	11	10	NA

NA – not available

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