



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Seasonal moisture during February improved the short-term outlook in areas across the state, but moisture deficits remained, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Calving and lambing were underway and benefited from milder weather in areas, according to county reports. In eastern districts, some localities fared better than others in terms of received moisture and recent snowfall. Winter wheat benefitted from better snow cover. Concerns remained going forward for fall-seeded crops and pasture conditions. In western districts, precipitation remained limited and confined to the high country. Snow remained on the ground in areas and conditions were wet. The latest U.S. Drought Monitor report rated the entire state as abnormally dry to experiencing severe drought conditions. Statewide, winter wheat condition remained steady with 21 percent of the crop rated good to excellent, compared with 20 percent good from the previous report, and 19 percent good to excellent last year. As of February 18, 2022, snowpack in Colorado was 92 percent measured as percent of median snowfall.

Note: The first weekly report will be released on Monday, March 14, 2022.

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity | Current report (percent) | Previous report (percent) | Previous year (percent) | 5-year average (percent) |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Cows calved..... | 17 | NA | 8 | NA |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Ewes lambled..... | 10 | NA | 11 | NA |

NA – not available

(--) – zero

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

| | Current report (percent) | Previous report (percent) | Previous year (percent) | 5-year average (percent) |
|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Topsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short | 26 | 32 | 34 | NA |
| Short | 39 | 50 | 39 | NA |
| Adequate | 34 | 16 | 27 | NA |
| Surplus..... | 1 | 2 | -- | NA |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short | 32 | 31 | 37 | NA |
| Short | 32 | 38 | 43 | NA |
| Adequate | 36 | 30 | 20 | NA |
| Surplus..... | -- | 1 | -- | NA |

NA – not available

(--) – zero

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..... | 4 | 16 | 38 | NA |
| Poor..... | 17 | 19 | 29 | NA |
| Fair..... | 47 | 45 | 24 | NA |
| Good..... | 23 | 17 | 9 | NA |
| Excellent..... | 9 | 3 | -- | NA |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 17 | 14 | 15 | NA |
| Poor..... | 23 | 26 | 14 | NA |
| Fair..... | 39 | 40 | 52 | NA |
| Good..... | 20 | 20 | 17 | NA |
| Excellent..... | 1 | -- | 2 | NA |
| Livestock | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | 3 | NA |
| Poor..... | 7 | 6 | 8 | NA |
| Fair..... | 18 | 14 | 41 | NA |
| Good..... | 64 | 70 | 42 | NA |
| Excellent..... | 11 | 10 | 6 | NA |

NA – not available

(--) – zero