



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MARCH 27, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Snow and rain were received in abundance, reducing field activity and improving moisture conditions. Precipitation in the north eastern district replenished moisture stressed wheat crops. However, areas in the eastern and south eastern districts remained relatively dry, where wheat quality concerns persisted in certain localities. Several cases of stripe rust were reported between the eastern and south eastern districts. As of March 28, mountain snowpack statewide was 97 percent of average. The Southwest and San Luis Valley were 81 and 84 percent of average, respectively. Stored feed supplies were rated 6 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 58 percent average and 42 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 77 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	2	1	3	14
Onions				
Planted	8	--	2	14
Spring wheat				
Planted	2	1	5	10
Sugarbeets				
Planted	3	1	5	3
Winter wheat				
Pastured.....	11	10	11	NA
Jointed.....	2	1	1	2
Cows calved.....	56	37	56	58
Ewes lambed	33	29	49	46

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	4.0	5.6	6.1	5.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	9	19	8	19
Short.....	21	28	27	35
Adequate	63	51	64	45
Surplus	7	2	1	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	10	15	26
Short.....	23	27	34	37
Adequate	65	60	49	36
Surplus	3	3	2	1

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor	1	1	3	4
Fair	14	14	23	34
Good	77	77	65	54
Excellent	8	8	9	6
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	14	14	5	18
Poor	15	17	37	29
Fair	37	37	24	31
Good	31	29	31	21
Excellent	3	3	3	1
Winter Wheat				
Very poor	1	1	1	13
Poor	14	14	10	19
Fair	34	42	31	37
Good	45	36	50	28
Excellent	6	7	8	3

NA – not available

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