



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MARCH 26, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: The week began with continued abnormally dry and warm weather, but ended with welcome precipitation received in several counties, improving moisture conditions, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Resulting fieldwork last week was adequate. Reporters note quality concerns still exist for winter wheat stands where moisture has been less than adequate for several months. Fall planted crops have come out of dormancy earlier than normal due to sustained warm temperatures, and depleted topsoil moisture is a concern for both crop and range conditions. Recent precipitation in areas will help spur planting progress for some early planted crops. Livestock remain in good condition. As of March 24, snowpack in Colorado was at 110 percent measured as percent of median snowfall. The Southwest and San Luis Valley were 128 and 115 percent, respectively. Stored feed supplies were rated 3 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 29 percent average and 71 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 73 percent average, and 26 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity | Current week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | Previous year (percent) | 5-year average (percent) |
|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Barley | | | | |
| Planted | 4 | NA | 2 | 9 |
| Onions | | | | |
| Planted | 4 | NA | 7 | 10 |
| Sugarbeets | | | | |
| Planted | 1 | NA | 3 | 3 |
| Spring wheat | | | | |
| Planted | 3 | NA | 2 | 8 |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Pastured..... | 9 | NA | 11 | NA |
| Jointed..... | 1 | NA | 2 | 2 |
| Cows calved | 50 | NA | 53 | 56 |
| Ewes lambled | 33 | NA | 32 | 43 |

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..... | 5.4 | NA | 4.0 | 5.5 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 11 | NA | 9 | 13 |
| Short..... | 29 | NA | 21 | 32 |
| Adequate | 58 | NA | 63 | 53 |
| Surplus | 2 | NA | 7 | 2 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short..... | 12 | NA | 9 | 20 |
| Short..... | 32 | NA | 23 | 35 |
| Adequate | 55 | NA | 65 | 44 |
| Surplus | 1 | NA | 3 | 1 |

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

| | Current week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | Previous year (percent) | 5-year average (percent) |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Livestock | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | NA | -- | 2 |
| Poor..... | 4 | NA | 1 | 4 |
| Fair..... | 18 | NA | 14 | 28 |
| Good..... | 69 | NA | 77 | 60 |
| Excellent..... | 9 | NA | 8 | 6 |
| Pasture and Range | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 3 | NA | 14 | 19 |
| Poor..... | 30 | NA | 15 | 28 |
| Fair..... | 31 | NA | 37 | 31 |
| Good..... | 31 | NA | 31 | 21 |
| Excellent..... | 5 | NA | 3 | 1 |
| Winter Wheat | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 5 | NA | 1 | 9 |
| Poor..... | 32 | NA | 14 | 15 |
| Fair..... | 31 | NA | 34 | 37 |
| Good..... | 30 | NA | 45 | 35 |
| Excellent..... | 2 | NA | 6 | 4 |

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