



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Received moisture during February was mostly confined to northern and central counties across the state, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Northwestern counties experienced several snowstorms during February, boosting snowpack in the high country. In northeastern counties, received moisture was very spotty and most areas remained very dry. Warm, windy weather and limited moisture were a primary concern for dryland crop and rangeland conditions. Reports indicated winter wheat stands in areas were thin with little protective cover and soils susceptible to blowing. Mild conditions were beneficial for calving and lambing. East central counties also remained dry, but a few areas experienced snow storms with good moisture content. Counties in the southwestern and San Luis Valley districts received little moisture during February. In southeastern counties, precipitation was limited and topsoil moisture was noted as very dry. Winter wheat was in need of moisture to keep fields from blowing. Without rain to improve pasture condition, livestock producers were concerned with its ability to support herds going into spring and summer. As of February 20, 2020, snowpack in Colorado was 112 percent measured as percent of median snowfall.

Note: The next report will be released on Monday, March 16, 2020 and will be the first weekly report for the 2020 season.

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	24	NA	13	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed.....	9	NA	10	NA

NA – not available

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SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	12	3	NA
Short.....	24	49	27	NA
Adequate.....	67	34	67	NA
Surplus.....	--	5	3	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	5	8	5	NA
Short.....	29	26	30	NA
Adequate.....	66	63	65	NA
Surplus.....	--	3	--	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)
Pasture and range				
Very poor	5	8	7	NA
Poor.....	10	15	16	NA
Fair.....	20	31	50	NA
Good	62	44	25	NA
Excellent	3	2	2	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor	5	5	1	NA
Poor.....	8	19	9	NA
Fair.....	28	23	40	NA
Good	58	50	47	NA
Excellent	1	3	3	NA
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	1	NA
Poor.....	2	3	3	NA
Fair.....	20	19	23	NA
Good	73	68	66	NA
Excellent	5	10	7	NA

NA – not available

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