



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Snowfall across Colorado during February boosted snowpack and brought relief to drought-stressed areas, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. However, nearly all counties were still experiencing abnormally dry conditions or worse at month's end. Reporters in northeastern counties noted winter kill of wheat was a concern due to lack of good snow cover and moisture in areas. Livestock were reportedly doing well and pastures were in good shape, but more moisture is needed before spring. In eastern counties, recovery from last year's drought was aided by recent moisture. A Kiowa county reporter noted winter wheat condition was good in areas, but some fields did not achieve a good stand before dormancy. In southwestern counties, big moisture-making storms made a dent in the worst drought conditions. A reporter in Montezuma county noted livestock death loss was above average due to wet and freezing conditions. In the San Luis Valley, a reporter noted soil moisture conditions were an improvement from last year, but still below normal. Livestock condition was also noted as poorer than normal due to very tight feed supplies. Southeastern counties also received beneficial wet snow during February, with soil moisture looking good prior to spring planting. Statewide, calving and lambing were well underway. As of February 24, 2019, snowpack in Colorado was at 116 percent measured as percent of median snowfall.

Note: The next report will be released on Monday, March 18, 2019 and will be the first weekly report for the 2019 season.

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity | Current report (percent) | Previous report (percent) | Previous year (percent) | 5-year average (percent) |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Cows calved..... | 13 | NA | 17 | NA |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Ewes lambed..... | 10 | NA | 14 | 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..... | 3 | NA | 33 | NA |
| Short..... | 27 | NA | 31 | NA |
| Adequate..... | 67 | NA | 36 | NA |
| Surplus..... | 3 | NA | -- | NA |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short..... | 5 | NA | 16 | NA |
| Short..... | 30 | NA | 30 | NA |
| Adequate..... | 65 | NA | 54 | NA |
| Surplus..... | -- | NA | -- | 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 | 7 | NA | 9 | NA |
| Poor..... | 16 | NA | 27 | NA |
| Fair..... | 50 | NA | 31 | NA |
| Good | 25 | NA | 31 | NA |
| Excellent | 2 | NA | 2 | NA |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Very poor | 1 | NA | 5 | NA |
| Poor..... | 9 | NA | 22 | NA |
| Fair..... | 40 | NA | 42 | NA |
| Good | 47 | NA | 28 | NA |
| Excellent | 3 | NA | 3 | NA |
| Livestock | | | | |
| Very poor | 1 | NA | -- | NA |
| Poor..... | 3 | NA | 3 | NA |
| Fair..... | 23 | NA | 21 | NA |
| Good | 66 | NA | 72 | NA |
| Excellent | 7 | NA | 4 | NA |

NA – not available

(--) – zero