



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 31, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Mixed success was achieved in fieldwork operations last week as isolated moisture events continued. However, moisture levels stabilized as warmer temperatures increased in prevalence, making field entry possible in several localities. Increased temperatures have also advanced the pace of crop development, which for some crops has fallen behind in recent weeks due to below normal temperatures. In some locations in the eastern district, crop quality has been diminished by sustained surplus moisture. Stripe rust has been realized as a significant issue for wheat in the southeast district while spraying is being done to mitigate the effects. Drainage issues continue to be a concern in the eastern district. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 6 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 69 percent average and 31 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 82 percent average, and 17 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
1 st Cutting.....	3	NA	15	24
Barley				
Emerged.....	92	87	96	97
Corn				
Planted	79	66	98	97
Emerged.....	55	47	80	70
Dry Beans				
Planted	32	13	19	30
Emerged.....	10	2	2	4
Potatoes				
Inside San Luis Valley				
Planted.....	94	85	99	95
Emerged	3	--	22	16
Outside San Luis Valley				
Planted.....	96	94	95	91
Emerged	89	64	81	63
Sorghum				
Planted	23	19	27	32
Emerged.....	14	6	8	2
Spring wheat				
Planted	76	66	97	99
Emerged.....	66	54	91	89
Headed	1	--	1	3
Sugarbeets				
Emerged.....	93	78	94	78
Sunflowers				
Planted	8	5	12	23
Winter wheat				
Headed.....	87	67	59	61
Turning color	7	3	--	9

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	3.4	1.8	5.8	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1	15	16
Short.....	10	11	34	26
Adequate	74	69	49	55
Surplus	15	19	2	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	5	25	22
Short.....	18	18	28	28
Adequate	70	69	46	49
Surplus	8	8	1	1

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	1
Poor.....	--	--	3	4
Fair.....	25	27	19	32
Good.....	63	59	50	49
Excellent.....	12	14	26	14
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	3	3	1	4
Fair.....	32	31	25	27
Good.....	63	65	58	60
Excellent.....	2	1	16	8
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	3	3
Fair.....	14	15	27	26
Good.....	72	72	64	65
Excellent.....	13	12	6	6
Onions				
Very poor.....	3	3	1	--
Poor.....	10	10	2	1
Fair.....	19	26	13	21
Good.....	54	54	74	69
Excellent.....	14	7	10	9
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	5	5	12	13
Poor.....	17	17	23	23
Fair.....	25	24	30	31
Good.....	41	43	32	30
Excellent.....	12	11	3	3
Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	4	NA
Fair.....	11	10	33	NA
Good.....	75	75	61	NA
Excellent.....	14	15	2	NA
Spring Wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	--	--	1	5
Fair.....	39	33	39	43
Good.....	59	66	59	46
Excellent.....	2	1	1	4
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	--
Poor.....	--	--	6	5
Fair.....	25	31	32	27
Good.....	58	55	49	59
Excellent.....	17	14	12	9
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	3	3	24	16
Poor.....	15	13	15	16
Fair.....	33	31	29	29
Good.....	39	44	28	34
Excellent.....	10	9	4	5

NA – not available

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