



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 19, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Significant progress was achieved in the harvest of winter wheat while precipitation fell in varying amounts. Heaviest accumulations were localized and specific to eastern counties. Last week, an abundance of heat units pushed maturity of small grains and accelerated development of row crops. Virtually all winter wheat was mature by week's end. Reporters observed potatoes being sprayed for fungal infestations in the San Luis Valley. Alfalfa cuttings in the San Luis Valley saw moderate gains. Stored feed supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 2 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was rated 63 percent average and 37 percent light. Cattle death loss was rated 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)
Alfalfa				
1 st Cutting.....	98	93	100	99
2 nd Cutting.....	33	21	45	47
Barley				
Headed.....	92	87	91	96
Turning Color.....	43	20	18	36
Corn				
Silked.....	27	11	23	23
Dry Beans				
Planted.....	98	93	100	100
Emerged.....	93	80	99	100
Flowered.....	25	6	42	33
Sorghum				
Headed.....	5	1	4	13
Spring wheat				
Headed.....	97	91	96	96
Coloring.....	40	22	32	34
Harvested.....	1	NA	2	1
Winter wheat				
Mature.....	96	82	93	92
Harvested.....	71	39	65	71

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.....	6.3	6.2	5.1	5.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	1	13	22
Short.....	16	15	37	30
Adequate.....	77	77	48	46
Surplus.....	5	7	2	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	3	3	24	29
Short.....	18	16	32	28
Adequate.....	77	79	43	42
Surplus.....	2	2	1	1

NA – not available

(-) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	8
Poor.....	5	5	10	13
Fair.....	29	29	28	27
Good.....	53	52	43	42
Excellent.....	13	14	16	10
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	1
Poor.....	--	--	4	3
Fair.....	15	15	14	27
Good.....	57	61	53	57
Excellent.....	28	24	27	12
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	7
Poor.....	1	1	5	9
Fair.....	20	19	25	24
Good.....	66	67	51	49
Excellent.....	13	13	17	11
Dry Beans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	--	--	--	6
Fair.....	25	20	58	50
Good.....	71	76	36	38
Excellent.....	4	4	6	4
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	1	1	2	6
Fair.....	10	11	21	24
Good.....	71	72	65	60
Excellent.....	18	16	12	8
Onions				
Very poor.....	3	3	--	1
Poor.....	8	8	2	2
Fair.....	19	19	15	19
Good.....	55	55	67	68
Excellent.....	15	15	16	10
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	1	1	11	22
Poor.....	12	12	24	22
Fair.....	23	23	25	24
Good.....	50	50	33	26
Excellent.....	14	14	7	6
Potatoes Inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	6	NA
Poor.....	4	4	13	NA
Fair.....	18	17	26	NA
Good.....	60	61	46	NA
Excellent.....	18	18	9	NA
Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	1	NA
Fair.....	5	6	17	NA
Good.....	77	79	69	NA
Excellent.....	18	15	13	NA
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	7
Poor.....	--	--	18	16
Fair.....	23	23	51	40
Good.....	73	73	28	35
Excellent.....	4	4	--	2
Spring Wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	--	--	7	8
Fair.....	41	41	41	35
Good.....	53	53	51	48
Excellent.....	6	6	1	6
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	1	1	4	4
Fair.....	9	9	19	19
Good.....	67	67	57	63
Excellent.....	23	23	19	13
Sunflowers				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	5
Poor.....	--	--	22	15
Fair.....	20	20	35	34
Good.....	47	43	35	42
Excellent.....	33	37	5	4
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	1	1	26	NA
Poor.....	16	14	12	NA
Fair.....	33	33	22	NA
Good.....	39	41	30	NA
Excellent.....	11	11	10	NA

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