



# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 9, 2015

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Soil moisture supplies declined as Colorado generally experienced hot, dry conditions with sporadic moisture events. Locally strong storm systems moved across the northeastern district, causing localized hail damage in several instances. Producers in the San Luis Valley were afforded ample opportunities for hay cuttings and killing of potato vines. Reporters indicated recent precipitation has caused hay quality conditions to decline in several localities. Stored feed supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 1 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was rated 62 percent average and 38 percent light. Cattle death loss was rated 1 percent heavy, 70 percent average, and 29 percent light.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting.....	82	71	76	82
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting.....	15	7	29	19
Barley				
Turning color.....	91	78	86	87
Harvested.....	17	10	43	26
Corn				
Silked.....	89	72	84	89
Dough.....	15	2	24	22
Corn Silage				
Harvested.....	3	NA	--	--
Dry Beans				
Blooming.....	69	50	90	78
Sorghum				
Headed.....	57	20	32	49
Coloring.....	14	4	9	17
Spring wheat				
Coloring.....	84	73	64	81
Harvested.....	22	13	9	14

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.....	6.2	6.6	5.3	5.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	4	12	22
Short.....	22	20	32	31
Adequate.....	71	73	53	44
Surplus.....	3	3	3	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	3	20	28
Short.....	22	21	30	32
Adequate.....	73	74	47	39
Surplus.....	1	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	7
Poor.....	4	4	10	10
Fair.....	27	27	27	29
Good.....	55	55	44	43
Excellent.....	14	14	16	11
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	1
Poor.....	--	--	4	3
Fair.....	15	15	16	27
Good.....	54	54	51	57
Excellent.....	31	31	27	12
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	10
Poor.....	3	3	5	9
Fair.....	21	20	24	22
Good.....	65	64	51	45
Excellent.....	11	13	19	14
Dry Beans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	1	--	--	8
Fair.....	34	26	58	46
Good.....	61	70	35	39
Excellent.....	4	4	7	4
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	1	1	2	5
Fair.....	10	11	21	26
Good.....	74	71	65	58
Excellent.....	15	17	12	9
Onions				
Very poor.....	3	3	--	1
Poor.....	8	8	1	2
Fair.....	19	19	14	18
Good.....	56	56	69	67
Excellent.....	14	14	16	12
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	1	1	8	22
Poor.....	12	12	22	20
Fair.....	24	23	28	26
Good.....	51	51	34	27
Excellent.....	12	13	8	5
Potatoes Inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	8	NA
Poor.....	4	4	15	NA
Fair.....	17	17	25	NA
Good.....	54	53	42	NA
Excellent.....	25	26	10	NA
Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	1	NA
Fair.....	6	5	17	NA
Good.....	84	83	73	NA
Excellent.....	10	12	9	NA
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	10
Poor.....	5	5	20	16
Fair.....	31	31	47	36
Good.....	61	61	29	34
Excellent.....	3	3	1	4
Spring Wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	4
Poor.....	--	--	8	11
Fair.....	39	40	40	35
Good.....	55	54	51	45
Excellent.....	6	6	1	5
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	1	1	3	4
Fair.....	9	9	19	20
Good.....	70	69	55	61
Excellent.....	20	21	22	14
Sunflowers				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	7
Poor.....	5	5	21	13
Fair.....	29	29	28	33
Good.....	51	50	42	40
Excellent.....	15	16	6	7

NA – not available

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