



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 16, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Hot, dry conditions continued during the week with several areas impacted by locally heavy precipitation. Field accessibility was generally ideal, allowing producers to maintain a moderate pace in the harvest of mature crops. Heat units have accelerated crop maturity rapidly, although dry pockets continue to emerge as a result of recent high temperatures. Crop conditions either held steady or showed slight declines. Stored feed supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 2 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was rated 63 percent average and 37 percent light. Cattle death loss was rated 1 percent heavy, 71 percent average, and 28 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
2 nd cutting.....	92	82	87	91
3 rd cutting.....	21	15	39	31
Barley				
Turning color.....	94	91	97	97
Harvested.....	25	17	54	37
Corn				
Silked.....	95	89	93	97
Dough.....	38	15	49	44
Dented.....	6	--	5	5
Corn Silage				
Harvested.....	4	3	--	1
Dry Beans				
Blooming.....	82	69	95	87
Onions				
Harvested.....	6	--	1	6
Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested.....	2	--	9	12
Sorghum				
Headed.....	73	57	48	66
Coloring.....	24	14	19	27
Spring wheat				
Coloring.....	85	84	78	90
Harvested.....	26	22	12	20

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.....	6.5	6.2	5.9	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	4	11	22
Short.....	23	22	32	30
Adequate.....	71	71	54	46
Surplus.....	2	3	3	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	4	22	28
Short.....	22	22	31	32
Adequate.....	73	73	46	39
Surplus.....	1	1	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)
Alfalfa				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	8
Poor.....	4	4	11	11
Fair.....	27	27	25	28
Good.....	56	55	44	43
Excellent.....	13	14	17	10
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	1
Poor.....	1	--	4	3
Fair.....	15	15	16	27
Good.....	54	54	51	58
Excellent.....	30	31	27	11
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	10
Poor.....	3	3	5	9
Fair.....	21	21	23	22
Good.....	65	65	52	45
Excellent.....	11	11	19	14
Dry Beans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	1	1	--	8
Fair.....	34	34	51	45
Good.....	60	61	39	40
Excellent.....	5	4	10	4
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	1	1	2	5
Fair.....	11	10	20	26
Good.....	74	74	64	59
Excellent.....	14	15	14	8
Onions				
Very poor.....	3	3	--	--
Poor.....	8	8	1	2
Fair.....	21	19	14	17
Good.....	53	56	69	71
Excellent.....	15	14	16	10
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	1	1	8	23
Poor.....	12	12	22	20
Fair.....	25	24	28	24
Good.....	50	51	34	28
Excellent.....	12	12	8	5
Potatoes Inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	6	NA
Poor.....	4	4	15	NA
Fair.....	17	17	26	NA
Good.....	54	54	43	NA
Excellent.....	25	25	10	NA
Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	1	NA
Fair.....	6	6	17	NA
Good.....	84	84	73	NA
Excellent.....	10	10	9	NA
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	11
Poor.....	5	5	20	16
Fair.....	31	31	47	36
Good.....	62	61	29	33
Excellent.....	2	3	1	4
Spring Wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	4
Poor.....	--	--	8	11
Fair.....	39	39	37	32
Good.....	55	55	54	48
Excellent.....	6	6	1	5
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	1	1	3	4
Fair.....	8	9	19	21
Good.....	72	70	54	61
Excellent.....	19	20	23	13
Sunflowers				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	9
Poor.....	5	5	21	14
Fair.....	30	29	27	31
Good.....	50	51	42	39
Excellent.....	15	15	7	7

NA – not available

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