



# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Dry conditions persisted with no significant precipitation noted. The dry conditions accelerated fieldwork, allowing producers to complete the harvest of barley and begin the harvest of several row crops. However, delays to dryland plantings are expected in localities throughout eastern Colorado. Reporters indicated additional precipitation is needed to facilitate large-scale seeding activities. Stored feed supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 1 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was rated 63 percent average and 37 percent light. Cattle death loss was rated 1 percent heavy, 69 percent average, and 30 percent light.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting .....	69	61	66	73
4 <sup>th</sup> cutting .....	11	8	9	9
Barley				
Harvested .....	96	92	88	93
Corn				
Dough .....	97	94	99	99
Dented .....	84	71	72	76
Mature .....	20	6	9	18
Corn Silage				
Harvested .....	39	24	40	46
Dry Beans				
Cut .....	29	10	29	43
Harvested .....	10	3	10	18
Onions				
Harvested .....	36	22	23	41
Potatoes Inside San Luis Valley				
Harvested .....	15	5	14	22
Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested .....	55	45	58	60
Sorghum				
Headed .....	96	93	97	97
Coloring .....	61	44	54	71
Mature .....	17	6	21	18
Spring wheat				
Harvested .....	75	62	68	76
Sugarbeets				
Harvested .....	7	--	4	2
Sunflowers				
Harvested .....	3	--	--	--
Winter wheat				
Planted .....	25	13	18	17
Emerged .....	5	1	2	1

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 .....	6.7	6.7	5.3	5.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	4	4	8	29
Short .....	33	30	31	34
Adequate .....	63	65	53	33
Surplus .....	--	1	8	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	7	6	17	31
Short .....	28	28	32	34
Adequate .....	65	66	50	33
Surplus .....	--	--	1	2

NA – not available

(--) – zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	9
Poor.....	4	4	11	12
Fair.....	26	26	25	28
Good.....	58	57	44	41
Excellent.....	12	13	17	10
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	14
Poor.....	3	3	5	12
Fair.....	21	21	26	23
Good.....	63	61	52	41
Excellent.....	13	15	16	10
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	6
Poor.....	1	1	1	11
Fair.....	31	31	41	40
Good.....	60	58	42	37
Excellent.....	8	10	16	6
<b>Livestock</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	1	1	1	5
Fair.....	12	12	19	28
Good.....	75	75	66	57
Excellent.....	12	12	14	8
<b>Onions</b>				
Very poor.....	3	3	--	--
Poor.....	8	8	1	2
Fair.....	17	18	16	16
Good.....	60	56	64	70
Excellent.....	12	15	19	12
<b>Pasture and Range</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	6	22
Poor.....	15	15	21	21
Fair.....	25	26	26	28
Good.....	49	48	38	25
Excellent.....	10	10	9	4
<b>Potatoes Inside San Luis Valley</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	6	NA
Poor.....	4	4	12	NA
Fair.....	16	16	25	NA
Good.....	53	55	47	NA
Excellent.....	27	25	10	NA
<b>Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	1	NA
Fair.....	6	6	18	NA
Good.....	85	83	74	NA
Excellent.....	9	11	7	NA
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	18
Poor.....	5	5	15	16
Fair.....	31	31	49	35
Good.....	62	62	32	28
Excellent.....	2	2	1	3
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	1	1	3	5
Fair.....	7	7	18	22
Good.....	76	73	56	56
Excellent.....	16	19	22	16
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	14
Poor.....	5	5	18	17
Fair.....	32	32	28	30
Good.....	50	51	43	33
Excellent.....	13	12	8	6

NA – not available

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