



# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 12, 2016

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Fieldwork accelerated while development of crops was pushed in many localities amidst an abundance of heat units and increasing soil temperatures, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. With the ascent of temperatures, dry spots began to emerge in several localities. Precipitation occurred along the Front Range and in eastern counties, averaging less statewide than the preceding week. Reporters indicated some livestock producers were facing challenges acclimating herds to sharp temperature changes. Development of winter wheat was on par with the last year and on average, with crop conditions rated 69 percent good to excellent, compared with 52 percent good to excellent last year. Stored feed supplies were rated 4 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 3 percent heavy, 67 percent average and 30 percent light. Cattle death loss was 81 percent average and 19 percent light.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting .....	54	34	24	48
Barley				
Headed .....	6	2	11	13
Corn				
Emerged .....	96	85	84	91
Dry beans				
Planted .....	57	28	46	64
Emerged .....	18	7	22	23
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Emerged .....	60	19	51	59
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Emerged .....	95	89	95	82
Sorghum				
Planted .....	66	32	57	58
Emerged .....	22	11	27	19
Spring wheat				
Emerged .....	96	71	92	98
Headed .....	6	1	22	17
Sunflowers				
Planted .....	48	23	22	44
Winter wheat				
Headed .....	96	89	97	90
Turning color .....	35	9	33	33

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 .....	6.5	6.0	4.8	6.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	2	1	1	20
Short .....	11	8	9	28
Adequate .....	77	78	75	48
Surplus .....	10	13	15	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	3	2	3	24
Short .....	10	10	14	28
Adequate .....	81	82	75	45
Surplus .....	6	6	8	3

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 .....	--	--	--	6
Poor.....	1	1	6	10
Fair.....	12	12	36	29
Good .....	69	68	46	44
Excellent .....	18	19	12	11
<b>Barley</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	14	14	18	28
Good .....	51	53	60	55
Excellent .....	35	33	22	16
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor .....	--	1	--	2
Poor.....	1	2	2	4
Fair.....	18	20	33	27
Good .....	65	58	61	58
Excellent .....	16	19	4	9
<b>Livestock</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	1	1	4
Fair.....	10	10	13	25
Good .....	78	77	70	61
Excellent .....	11	12	16	9
<b>Onions</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	3	1
Poor.....	2	--	10	6
Fair.....	4	1	21	19
Good .....	76	78	53	63
Excellent .....	18	21	13	11
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor .....	3	5	2	19
Poor.....	5	6	14	22
Fair.....	17	20	23	25
Good .....	62	57	45	28
Excellent .....	13	12	16	6
<b>Potatoes outside San Luis Valley</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	1	NA
Fair.....	7	7	7	NA
Good .....	78	78	76	NA
Excellent .....	15	15	16	NA
<b>Spring wheat</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	--	--	--	2
Fair.....	6	6	38	39
Good .....	85	87	57	51
Excellent .....	9	7	5	6
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Very poor .....	1	1	--	--
Poor.....	2	2	1	4
Fair.....	16	19	16	23
Good .....	70	70	61	60
Excellent .....	11	8	22	13
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor .....	1	1	2	18
Poor.....	8	9	15	18
Fair.....	22	21	31	30
Good .....	55	55	39	28
Excellent .....	14	14	13	6

NA – not available

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