



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 3, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Heavy storms last week resulted in improved moisture conditions and marginally reduced field activity while heat units continued to push crop development, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. In addition to locally heavy precipitation, reporters observed numerous hail producing storms in eastern counties. Consequently, localized hail damage to crops was noted in multiple counties in eastern Colorado. Development of winter wheat was ahead of last year and the average while harvesting activities continued behind last year and average. Winter wheat crop conditions are rated 66 percent good to excellent, compared with 53 percent good to excellent last year. Stored feed supplies were rated 3 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 8 percent heavy, 67 percent average and 25 percent light. Cattle death loss was 80 percent average and 20 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
1 st cutting	94	87	88	90
2 nd cutting	19	7	10	14
Barley				
Headed	79	50	71	70
Turning color	9	3	13	8
Corn				
Silked	5	1	--	2
Dry beans				
Emerged	96	74	69	83
Flowered	2	NA	4	1
Sorghum				
Emerged	95	78	93	77
Headed	1	--	--	1
Spring wheat				
Headed	50	33	72	70
Coloring	7	6	12	8
Sunflowers				
Planted	92	81	93	92
Winter wheat				
Turning color	98	86	94	90
Mature	58	31	44	51
Harvested	7	2	12	30

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	5.2	6.6	6.6	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	2	1	24
Short	14	15	13	32
Adequate	78	78	79	42
Surplus	7	5	7	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	3	3	3	29
Short	11	11	15	28
Adequate	81	82	79	42
Surplus	5	4	3	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.....	--	--	--	6
Poor.....	1	2	5	10
Fair.....	12	12	29	31
Good.....	66	68	52	43
Excellent.....	21	18	14	10
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	13	14	17	26
Good.....	52	51	61	58
Excellent.....	35	35	22	14
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	6
Poor.....	2	1	1	8
Fair.....	14	19	19	26
Good.....	62	61	67	51
Excellent.....	21	19	13	9
Dry beans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	1	1	--	5
Fair.....	30	36	14	46
Good.....	55	45	82	43
Excellent.....	14	18	4	4
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	1	1	1	5
Fair.....	10	10	11	25
Good.....	77	78	73	61
Excellent.....	12	11	15	7
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	1
Poor.....	2	2	8	5
Fair.....	4	4	21	19
Good.....	76	76	56	65
Excellent.....	18	18	12	10
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	3	3	1	25
Poor.....	4	5	13	23
Fair.....	19	19	23	22
Good.....	62	61	49	25
Excellent.....	12	12	14	5
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	4	NA
Fair.....	17	18	20	NA
Good.....	62	61	58	NA
Excellent.....	21	21	18	NA
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	5	6	6	NA
Good.....	69	68	80	NA
Excellent.....	26	26	14	NA
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	6
Poor.....	--	--	--	16
Fair.....	35	29	23	38
Good.....	61	65	73	38
Excellent.....	4	6	4	2
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	--	--	--	5
Fair.....	7	8	37	37
Good.....	84	84	57	50
Excellent.....	9	8	6	6
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	1
Poor.....	2	2	1	3
Fair.....	15	14	10	23
Good.....	72	71	65	59
Excellent.....	10	12	24	14
Sunflowers				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	--	--	--	14
Fair.....	32	31	20	37
Good.....	63	64	41	38
Excellent.....	5	5	39	9
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	1	1	NA
Poor.....	8	9	14	NA
Fair.....	24	23	32	NA
Good.....	51	53	42	NA
Excellent.....	15	14	11	NA

NA – not available

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