



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 31, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Hot, dry conditions continued this past week, advancing winter wheat harvest to near completion, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Trace to measureable precipitation was reported in eastern counties across the state, accompanied by severe weather. Isolated reports of hail damage were received from north- and southeastern counties. Dry and warm weather furthered crop maturity where conditions allowed. Multiple crops were ahead of average by week's end. Reporter comments indicate increased crop and rangeland stress in the San Luis Valley where surface irrigation has ceased. Pasture and range conditions are also deteriorating in those counties where high temperatures and lack of moisture has been sustained. Stored feed supplies were rated 3 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 22 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 8 percent heavy, 68 percent average, and 24 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				
2 nd cutting.....	82	69	66	71
3 rd cutting.....	10	1	5	9
Barley				
Turning color.....	75	57	70	69
Harvested.....	10	1	9	14
Corn				
Silked.....	74	28	64	63
Dough.....	1	--	1	4
Dry beans				
Flowered.....	79	64	47	57
Sorghum				
Headed.....	42	24	16	25
Turning color.....	5	--	3	6
Spring wheat				
Turning color.....	56	45	68	62
Harvested.....	5	--	11	9
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	95	90	92	95

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.....	6.0	6.3	6.6	6.0
Topsoil moisture		(percent)		
Very short.....	4	3	4	21
Short.....	22	21	20	33
Adequate.....	66	68	73	44
Surplus.....	8	8	3	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	3	3	27
Short.....	18	18	21	31
Adequate.....	73	75	74	41
Surplus.....	5	4	2	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.....	--	--	--	7
Poor	2	2	4	12
Fair	14	13	27	29
Good.....	66	65	55	42
Excellent.....	18	20	14	10
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor	--	--	--	3
Fair	13	13	15	25
Good.....	53	51	54	55
Excellent.....	34	36	31	16
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	10
Poor	2	2	3	10
Fair	14	18	20	25
Good.....	68	64	64	45
Excellent.....	15	15	13	10
Dry beans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	3
Poor	2	2	--	6
Fair	24	23	26	46
Good.....	62	66	70	41
Excellent.....	12	9	4	4
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor	1	1	1	5
Fair	10	9	11	27
Good.....	76	77	71	56
Excellent.....	13	13	17	10
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	1
Poor	3	2	8	3
Fair	5	4	19	19
Good.....	74	75	56	64
Excellent.....	18	19	14	13
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	3	3	1	24
Poor	5	5	12	21
Fair	26	24	23	22
Good.....	56	57	51	27
Excellent.....	10	11	13	6
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	--	4	NA
Fair	16	16	17	NA
Good.....	64	63	53	NA
Excellent.....	20	21	26	NA
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	--	--	NA
Fair	5	5	5	NA
Good.....	82	82	83	NA
Excellent.....	13	13	12	NA
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	8
Poor	2	1	5	17
Fair	33	35	31	39
Good.....	60	59	61	34
Excellent.....	5	5	3	2
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	5
Poor	--	--	--	12
Fair	8	8	40	36
Good.....	84	84	54	43
Excellent.....	8	8	6	4
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor	2	2	1	4
Fair	12	14	9	21
Good.....	71	72	69	59
Excellent.....	15	12	21	15
Sunflowers				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	5
Poor	1	1	5	15
Fair	26	28	29	34
Good.....	65	63	50	39
Excellent.....	8	8	16	7

NA – not available

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