



# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 7, 2016

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Measureable monsoonal moisture was received in several counties throughout the state this past week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Cooler temperatures also blanketed the state late in the week. Precipitation was very welcome and helped boost crop and rangeland condition and moisture supplies. Reporters hope rains received in the San Luis Valley will lessen the effect of a reduction in surface irrigation. Warm and dry conditions persisted in areas across the state, advancing crop maturity. Several crops were still ahead of average by week's end. Reporter comments indicate that crop and rangeland conditions are deteriorating where rain was not received last week. Winter wheat harvest is virtually complete at this time across the state. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 24 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 <sup>nd</sup> cutting.....	91	82	79	79
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting.....	20	10	13	17
Barley				
Turning color.....	88	75	87	84
Harvested.....	20	10	15	22
Corn				
Silked.....	90	74	84	84
Dough.....	13	1	11	16
Dry beans				
Flowered.....	87	79	64	70
Sorghum				
Headed.....	66	42	46	41
Turning color.....	10	5	11	13
Spring wheat				
Turning color.....	68	56	81	79
Harvested.....	7	5	19	15
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	97	95	96	98

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.....	6.2	6.0	6.2	6.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	4	4	23
Short.....	21	22	22	30
Adequate.....	67	66	71	45
Surplus.....	8	8	3	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	4	4	29
Short.....	18	18	22	30
Adequate.....	73	73	73	40
Surplus.....	5	5	1	1

NA – not available

(--) – zero

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

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	8
Poor .....	2	2	4	10
Fair .....	14	14	27	29
Good.....	65	66	55	43
Excellent.....	19	18	14	10
<b>Barley</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor .....	--	--	--	3
Fair .....	13	13	15	26
Good.....	53	53	54	54
Excellent.....	34	34	31	16
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	10
Poor .....	2	2	3	9
Fair .....	15	14	21	23
Good.....	65	68	65	47
Excellent.....	17	15	11	11
<b>Dry beans</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	3
Poor .....	2	2	1	8
Fair .....	20	24	34	47
Good.....	65	62	61	38
Excellent.....	13	12	4	4
<b>Livestock</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor .....	1	1	1	5
Fair .....	10	10	10	24
Good.....	77	76	74	60
Excellent.....	12	13	15	9
<b>Onions</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	1
Poor .....	3	3	8	3
Fair .....	5	5	19	19
Good.....	74	74	56	65
Excellent.....	18	18	14	12
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	3	3	1	23
Poor .....	6	5	12	21
Fair .....	25	26	24	24
Good.....	56	56	51	26
Excellent.....	10	10	12	6
<b>Potatoes inside San Luis Valley</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor .....	--	--	4	NA
Fair .....	16	16	17	NA
Good.....	64	64	54	NA
Excellent.....	20	20	25	NA
<b>Potatoes outside San Luis Valley</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor .....	--	--	--	NA
Fair .....	5	5	6	NA
Good.....	82	82	84	NA
Excellent.....	13	13	10	NA
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	11
Poor .....	5	2	5	16
Fair .....	31	33	31	36
Good.....	58	60	61	36
Excellent.....	6	5	3	1
<b>Spring wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	3
Poor .....	--	--	--	10
Fair .....	8	8	39	37
Good.....	84	84	55	46
Excellent.....	8	8	6	4
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor .....	2	2	1	4
Fair .....	11	12	9	20
Good.....	72	71	70	62
Excellent.....	15	15	20	13
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	9
Poor .....	3	1	5	13
Fair .....	25	26	29	32
Good.....	64	65	51	40
Excellent.....	8	8	15	6

NA – not available

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