



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 21, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Seasonally hot conditions continued to advance crop maturity this past week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Barley harvest is underway in the San Luis Valley, although reporters noted scattered precipitation may hamper harvest in areas where significant amounts were received. Isolated storms accompanied by spotty hail and briefly cooler temperatures were observed in eastern counties later during the week. Irrigation demand remains high with crops doing nicely where conditions allow. Non-irrigated crops and pasture are in need of moisture where monsoonal precipitation has been sparse. Overall, crop maturity and conditions are favorably steady. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 27 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.....	96	94	95	95
3 rd cutting.....	45	32	33	39
Barley				
Turning color.....	96	94	98	99
Harvested.....	37	25	34	45
Corn				
Dough.....	56	30	59	58
Dented.....	20	2	25	15
Corn Silage				
Harvested.....	1	--	5	3
Dry beans				
Cut.....	1	NA	--	2
Onions				
Harvested.....	7	1	13	11
Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested.....	10	--	8	24
Sorghum				
Headed.....	89	78	82	72
Turning color.....	27	20	28	28
Spring wheat				
Turning color.....	88	78	92	94
Harvested.....	24	15	39	31

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	6.5	6.3	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	5	3	22
Short.....	25	24	23	31
Adequate.....	68	66	70	45
Surplus.....	2	5	4	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	4	5	27
Short.....	20	19	23	31
Adequate.....	73	73	71	41
Surplus.....	3	4	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)
Alfalfa				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	7
Poor	2	2	4	11
Fair	15	14	26	27
Good.....	64	65	58	45
Excellent.....	19	19	12	10
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	--	1	NA
Fair	13	13	15	NA
Good.....	52	52	55	NA
Excellent.....	35	35	29	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	10
Poor	2	2	3	9
Fair	17	14	21	24
Good.....	66	66	63	46
Excellent.....	14	17	13	11
Dry beans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	3
Poor	2	2	1	7
Fair	21	20	31	39
Good.....	64	65	59	46
Excellent.....	13	13	9	5
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor	1	1	1	4
Fair	10	10	11	24
Good.....	76	77	74	62
Excellent.....	13	12	14	9
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	1
Poor	3	3	8	4
Fair	5	5	21	17
Good.....	74	74	54	68
Excellent.....	18	18	14	10
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	3	3	1	21
Poor	6	6	13	21
Fair	25	25	25	23
Good.....	57	57	50	29
Excellent.....	9	9	11	6
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	--	4	NA
Fair	15	16	17	NA
Good.....	63	63	54	NA
Excellent.....	22	21	25	NA
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	--	--	NA
Fair	5	5	6	NA
Good.....	82	82	84	NA
Excellent.....	13	13	10	NA
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	13
Poor	5	5	5	15
Fair	26	27	30	38
Good.....	62	62	63	33
Excellent.....	7	6	2	1
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	4
Poor	--	--	--	9
Fair	8	8	39	35
Good.....	84	84	55	47
Excellent.....	8	8	6	5
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor	3	3	1	4
Fair	11	11	8	19
Good.....	71	71	74	63
Excellent.....	15	15	17	13
Sunflowers				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	10
Poor	3	3	5	15
Fair	24	25	30	32
Good.....	65	64	50	37
Excellent.....	8	8	15	6

NA – not available

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