



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 28, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Much of the state experienced cooler temperatures and fall-like weather mid-week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Reporters noted in the San Luis Valley that cooler weather and isolated moisture slowed barley harvest. In northern Costilla county, severe hail was reported with crops sustaining damage to varying degrees. Several eastern counties continue to see sparse precipitation and hot conditions. Condition of dryland crops and rangeland remains a concern in those areas that are dry. Overall, crops are maturing well and moisture was welcome this past week. Stored feed supplies were rated 3 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 27 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 8 percent heavy, 68 percent average, and 24 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				
3 rd cutting	56	45	44	51
Barley				
Harvested	54	37	58	63
Corn				
Dough	80	56	79	77
Dented	45	20	52	32
Corn Silage				
Harvested	5	1	12	8
Dry beans				
Cut	2	1	1	9
Onions				
Harvested	13	7	18	18
Potatoes Inside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	1	NA	1	6
Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	15	10	26	34
Sorghum				
Headed	92	89	89	82
Turning color	39	27	36	36
Mature	1	--	2	4
Spring wheat				
Turning color	94	88	99	99
Harvested	36	24	52	44
Winter wheat				
Planted	1	NA	7	2

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	6.4	6.7	6.7	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	7	5	3	25
Short	24	25	27	34
Adequate	67	68	68	39
Surplus	2	2	2	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	6	4	5	29
Short	20	20	26	34
Adequate	72	73	69	37
Surplus	2	3	--	--

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.....	--	--	--	8
Poor	2	2	4	12
Fair	15	15	27	28
Good.....	64	64	56	42
Excellent.....	19	19	13	10
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	--	1	NA
Fair	14	13	14	NA
Good.....	52	52	55	NA
Excellent.....	34	35	30	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	12
Poor	2	2	3	10
Fair	18	17	21	23
Good.....	65	66	62	44
Excellent.....	14	14	14	11
Dry beans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	4
Poor	2	2	1	9
Fair	21	21	31	40
Good.....	66	64	58	41
Excellent.....	11	13	10	6
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor	1	1	1	5
Fair	10	10	11	27
Good.....	77	76	75	57
Excellent.....	12	13	13	9
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	1
Poor	5	3	8	3
Fair	5	5	21	19
Good.....	72	74	54	64
Excellent.....	18	18	14	13
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	3	3	1	22
Poor	6	6	14	21
Fair	25	25	26	24
Good.....	58	57	49	27
Excellent.....	8	9	10	6
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	--	4	NA
Fair	14	15	16	NA
Good.....	64	63	55	NA
Excellent.....	22	22	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.....	--	--	--	14
Poor	5	5	5	15
Fair	28	26	31	38
Good.....	60	62	62	32
Excellent.....	7	7	2	1
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	5
Poor	--	--	--	8
Fair	8	8	39	36
Good.....	83	84	55	46
Excellent.....	9	8	6	5
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor	3	3	1	5
Fair	11	11	8	22
Good.....	70	71	74	58
Excellent.....	16	15	17	14
Sunflowers				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	12
Poor	3	3	5	13
Fair	26	24	31	33
Good.....	63	65	51	36
Excellent.....	8	8	13	6

NA – not available

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