



# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 21, 2017

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Rain and snow across the state halted fieldwork mid-week, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Several localities received several inches of rain, with areas at higher elevation receiving moderate to heavy snow. Precipitation continues to improve dryland crop and pasture conditions, as well as soil moisture. In Northeast counties, reporters noted that wheat mosaic virus has spread and some wheat is damaged beyond recovery. Isolated severe weather and damaging hail was also reported. A reporter noted that some sugarbeets are being replanted due to a previous damaging freeze. Concern over increased wheat stripe rust infection due to wet conditions was noted in East Central counties. In Southwest counties, freezing temperatures were experienced that may have caused damage to wheat. The San Luis Valley also received late snow and freezing temperatures that damaged some growing alfalfa. Barley planting is nearing completion in the San Luis Valley. Statewide, winter wheat remained mostly in fair to good condition. Colorado snowpack averages were not available for this past week. Stored feed supplies were rated 4 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 70 percent average and 30 percent light. Cattle death loss was 2 percent heavy, 77 percent average, and 21 percent light.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting .....	3	NA	9	4
Barley				
Planted .....	92	90	99	98
Emerged .....	84	79	84	83
Corn				
Planted .....	69	53	78	78
Emerged .....	35	16	36	41
Dry Beans				
Planted .....	11	5	7	10
Onions				
Planted .....	81	79	100	98
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Planted .....	77	51	85	79
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Planted .....	81	79	99	92
Emerged .....	59	30	64	54
Sorghum				
Planted .....	14	7	6	17
Spring wheat				
Planted .....	82	76	79	87
Emerged .....	68	53	43	60
Sugarbeets				
Planted .....	96	88	96	92
Emerged .....	72	45	83	66
Sunflowers				
Planted .....	4	2	5	7
Winter wheat				
Jointed .....	93	87	91	85
Headed .....	45	20	40	44
Cows calved .....	96	94	100	100
Ewes lambd .....	94	93	100	99

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.....	3.4	4.1	5.3	5.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	2	2	12
Short.....	3	6	8	24
Adequate.....	86	84	78	57
Surplus.....	11	8	12	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	4	3	19
Short.....	8	15	12	27
Adequate.....	89	80	77	51
Surplus.....	3	1	8	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.....	--	--	1	NA
Poor.....	4	4	2	NA
Fair.....	21	27	13	NA
Good.....	66	60	64	NA
Excellent.....	9	9	20	NA
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	13	13	14	22
Good.....	53	54	55	56
Excellent.....	34	33	31	21
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	2	1	2
Fair.....	15	16	12	21
Good.....	73	74	76	70
Excellent.....	10	8	11	7
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	--	1	7	10
Poor.....	2	3	9	22
Fair.....	23	28	24	31
Good.....	66	58	50	32
Excellent.....	9	10	10	5
Spring Wheat				
Very poor.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	6	NA	NA	NA
Good.....	90	NA	NA	NA
Excellent.....	3	NA	NA	NA
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	7	6	1	12
Poor.....	13	14	10	15
Fair.....	38	35	22	31
Good.....	37	35	55	36
Excellent.....	5	10	12	6

NA – not available

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