



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 16, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Winter wheat harvest progressed significantly across the state this past week due to continued hot and dry conditions, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Isolated thunderstorms were reported in several localities, with varied precipitation received. Irrigated crops are reported to be doing well with the warm temperatures, but in areas where moisture has been sparse, pasture and dryland crops are showing signs of stress. Virtually all winter wheat was mature by week's end and other crops are progressing well with increased heat units. Winter wheat harvest was ahead of the average by week's end. Winter wheat condition was rated 48 percent good to excellent statewide, compared with 70 percent good to excellent last year. Stored feed supplies were rated 4 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 65 percent average and 35 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 68 percent average, and 31 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
2 nd cutting.....	41	23	47	42
Barley				
Headed	94	92	95	93
Turning color	16	15	33	28
Corn				
Silked	9	1	15	18
Dry Beans				
Flowered.....	22	10	29	25
Sorghum				
Headed	4	1	6	6
Spring wheat				
Headed	88	81	92	95
Turning color	18	13	37	31
Winter wheat				
Mature.....	97	92	94	90
Harvested	73	47	65	66

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	6.4	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	9	3	21
Short.....	31	33	18	30
Adequate	60	56	71	46
Surplus	2	2	8	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	5	3	27
Short.....	27	23	14	27
Adequate	67	70	79	45
Surplus	2	2	4	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.....	--	--	--	8
Poor.....	6	7	2	11
Fair.....	26	27	13	26
Good.....	56	53	65	44
Excellent.....	12	13	20	11
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	--	2
Fair.....	23	23	13	20
Good.....	62	55	51	57
Excellent.....	15	22	36	20
Corn				
Very poor.....	6	5	1	7
Poor.....	10	13	2	9
Fair.....	16	15	14	23
Good.....	57	58	65	50
Excellent.....	11	9	18	11
Dry Beans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	11	11	1	4
Fair.....	29	27	24	40
Good.....	56	56	65	49
Excellent.....	4	6	10	5
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	-	2
Poor.....	--	--	1	6
Fair.....	12	11	9	22
Good.....	76	75	77	60
Excellent.....	12	14	13	10
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	2	3
Fair.....	43	20	4	18
Good.....	50	73	75	64
Excellent.....	7	7	19	14
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	--	1	3	20
Poor.....	7	5	5	20
Fair.....	29	28	22	22
Good.....	55	59	58	31
Excellent.....	9	7	12	7
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	3	--	NA
Fair.....	24	16	15	NA
Good.....	50	50	63	NA
Excellent.....	26	31	22	NA
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	14	13	5	NA
Good.....	82	84	76	NA
Excellent.....	4	3	19	NA
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	3	3	--	7
Poor.....	7	8	--	14
Fair.....	23	31	34	35
Good.....	61	52	62	42
Excellent.....	6	6	4	2
Spring Wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	4
Poor.....	3	4	--	7
Fair.....	25	21	8	30
Good.....	70	73	84	54
Excellent.....	2	2	8	5
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	1	1	2	3
Fair.....	16	15	14	17
Good.....	68	67	71	63
Excellent.....	15	17	12	16
Sunflowers				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	5
Poor.....	16	11	1	14
Fair.....	28	32	29	30
Good.....	50	52	63	41
Excellent.....	6	5	7	10
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	7	6	2	NA
Poor.....	10	15	4	NA
Fair.....	35	36	24	NA
Good.....	35	34	55	NA
Excellent.....	13	9	15	NA

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