



# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 6, 2017

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Localized moisture and cooler temperatures in several areas last week helped improve dry conditions, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Across the state, winter wheat harvest is virtually complete, with spring wheat and barley harvest underway. In northeastern counties, several localities received substantial precipitation, but moisture was isolated and areas still remain dry. Irrigated crops are reported to be doing well. A reporter in Morgan county noted that in stressed areas, dryland forage crop failures have been reported. Poor pasture conditions are also an immediate concern and producers are worried about upcoming fall wheat planting conditions. East central counties also received moisture, although isolated thunderstorms moved through the area mid-week producing crop-damaging hail. In the San Luis Valley, reporters noted that continued precipitation has resulted in diminished hay quality and is expected to delay the third cutting of alfalfa. Use of irrigation water was reportedly reduced in areas due to sufficient rain. Some hail was also reported this past week in the San Luis Valley. Southeastern counties received significant moisture in areas, with others remaining a little dry. Reporters in these counties noted that the moisture and cooler temperatures helped replenish soil moisture, but hay quality declined and fieldwork remained slow due to weather conditions. Statewide, soil moisture supplies improved from the previous week along with the condition of several crops. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 40 percent average and 60 percent light. Cattle death loss was 3 percent heavy, 56 percent average, and 41 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.....	79	68	90	81
3rd cutting .....	19	9	19	18
Barley				
Turning color .....	86	74	86	83
Harvested .....	5	3	19	20
Corn				
Silked .....	87	69	88	84
Dough .....	7	2	11	15
Dry Beans				
Flowered .....	74	59	86	74
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested .....	1	NA	NA	NA
Sorghum				
Headed .....	50	23	63	44
Spring wheat				
Turning color .....	79	61	66	75
Harvested .....	5	2	7	14
Winter wheat				
Harvested .....	98	94	97	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 .....	5.4	5.8	6.2	6.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	3	4	21
Short.....	22	34	21	29
Adequate .....	70	61	67	47
Surplus .....	6	2	8	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	3	4	26
Short.....	24	34	18	29
Adequate .....	70	62	73	44
Surplus .....	2	1	5	1

NA – not available  
(--) – zero

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

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
Very poor.....	4	--	--	8
Poor.....	12	11	2	9
Fair.....	25	27	14	26
Good.....	52	54	65	45
Excellent.....	7	8	19	12
<b>Barley</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	9	1	--	3
Fair.....	26	24	13	21
Good.....	54	55	53	54
Excellent.....	11	20	34	21
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	4	5	1	9
Poor.....	13	8	2	9
Fair.....	25	21	15	21
Good.....	50	57	65	50
Excellent.....	8	9	17	11
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	7	7	2	8
Fair.....	30	32	20	40
Good.....	58	54	65	44
Excellent.....	5	7	13	6
<b>Livestock</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	1	2	1	5
Fair.....	14	12	10	23
Good.....	75	78	77	61
Excellent.....	10	8	12	9
<b>Onions</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	3	3
Fair.....	44	23	5	16
Good.....	50	57	74	67
Excellent.....	6	20	18	13
<b>Pasture and Range</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	3	19
Poor.....	9	12	6	19
Fair.....	33	32	25	25
Good.....	50	46	56	31
Excellent.....	7	9	10	6
<b>Potatoes inside San Luis Valley</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	7	3	--	NA
Fair.....	19	14	16	NA
Good.....	49	54	64	NA
Excellent.....	25	29	20	NA
<b>Potatoes outside San Luis Valley</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	7	7	5	NA
Good.....	89	90	82	NA
Excellent.....	4	3	13	NA
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Very poor.....	3	13	--	10
Poor.....	4	8	5	15
Fair.....	33	30	31	33
Good.....	53	44	58	40
Excellent.....	7	5	6	2
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	7	5	--	7
Fair.....	26	26	8	29
Good.....	62	61	84	56
Excellent.....	5	8	8	5
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	2	4	2	4
Fair.....	12	14	11	16
Good.....	73	68	72	65
Excellent.....	13	14	15	14
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	8
Poor.....	3	4	3	13
Fair.....	34	30	25	31
Good.....	59	60	64	42
Excellent.....	4	5	8	6

NA – not available

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