



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 10, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Abnormally hot and dry conditions accelerated crop development and fieldwork across Colorado last week, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Most areas received no moisture last week, but some isolated storms with damaging hail were observed in northeastern counties. Northeastern county reporters noted most crops and rangeland were in overall good condition. However, hot temperatures and windy, dry conditions were concerning for non-irrigated crop yields in drier areas. In east central counties, pasture conditions continued to decline due to lack of moisture. Concerns were also noted regarding the effect of no received moisture and hot temperatures on winter wheat test weights. In southwestern counties, drought conditions persisted with no relief. Fire danger was extremely high with an additional fire reported last week. A reporter noted that many spring crops were not emerging as expected and that irrigation water availability was a fraction of normal. Higher incidences of grasshoppers were also reported. In the San Luis Valley, reporters noted potatoes were mostly emerged and growing fast. Barley was also starting to head. Rangeland was noted to be in poor condition with decreased production in areas due to lack of moisture. Southeastern county reporters noted conditions were hot and dry last week, but that alfalfa harvest was moving along and quality was good so far. Statewide, winter wheat was rated 53 percent good to excellent, compared with 48 percent good to excellent last year. Stored feed supplies were rated 8 percent very short, 23 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 42 percent average and 58 percent light. Cattle death loss was 72 percent average and 28 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested	42	17	37	39
Barley				
Headed	11	3	5	6
Corn				
Emerged	93	72	88	88
Dry edible beans				
Planted	48	27	46	49
Emerged	23	10	23	18
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Emerged	87	30	47	48
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Emerged	88	75	90	88
Sorghum				
Planted	63	47	45	51
Emerged	36	15	22	20
Spring wheat				
Planted	95	94	92	97
Emerged	91	86	83	92
Headed	11	2	6	13
Sugarbeets				
Emerged	98	92	NA	NA
Sunflowers				
Planted	38	18	27	32
Winter wheat				
Headed	92	76	95	88
Turning color	29	7	15	18

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.9	6.3	5.8	5.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	21	18	1	11
Short.....	28	27	8	20
Adequate	51	54	80	61
Surplus.....	--	1	11	8
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	13	14	1	15
Short.....	23	20	7	19
Adequate	64	66	89	62
Surplus.....	--	--	3	4

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	9	8	--	4
Poor.....	11	11	7	7
Fair.....	28	25	27	25
Good	43	44	58	52
Excellent	9	12	8	12
Barley				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	3	1	--	--
Fair.....	26	26	18	20
Good	49	55	62	58
Excellent	22	18	20	22
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	3	4	1	3
Fair.....	12	8	6	22
Good	76	81	84	61
Excellent	9	7	9	12
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	--	--	3
Fair.....	29	30	38	19
Good	61	64	59	67
Excellent	9	6	3	10
Pasture and range				
Very poor	17	16	--	11
Poor.....	25	24	1	13
Fair.....	31	24	14	21
Good	26	30	68	45
Excellent	1	6	17	10
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	4	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	15	NA	NA	NA
Good	59	NA	NA	NA
Excellent	22	NA	NA	NA
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	18	11	3	NA
Good	56	65	84	NA
Excellent	26	24	13	NA
Sorghum				
Very poor	--	NA	--	--
Poor.....	9	NA	1	2
Fair.....	12	NA	21	27
Good	72	NA	73	67
Excellent	7	NA	5	4
Spring wheat				
Very poor	15	15	--	2
Poor.....	1	2	--	1
Fair.....	15	20	26	28
Good	57	54	71	64
Excellent	12	9	3	5
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	--	--	2
Fair.....	23	40	16	18
Good	59	45	69	65
Excellent	17	15	15	15
Winter wheat				
Very poor	7	5	7	17
Poor.....	15	17	13	15
Fair.....	25	25	32	25
Good	46	46	33	33
Excellent	7	7	15	10
Livestock				
Very poor	1	1	--	1
Poor.....	3	3	1	4
Fair.....	17	13	9	17
Good	69	70	71	66
Excellent	10	13	19	12

NA – not available

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