



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 17, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Soil moisture supplies diminished due to very hot and dry conditions last week, although beneficial weekend moisture was received in several areas, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Reporters in northeastern counties noted crops and livestock in areas that received moisture were doing well. A reporter noted dryland crop and rangeland conditions remained a concern for producers in areas that were drier. A reporter also noted some irrigated corn stands were uneven due to earlier dry field conditions. East central county reporters noted sporadic precipitation was received last week, but the majority of localities remained dry. Above normal temperatures and dry weather continued to deteriorate crop and pasture conditions. Some southwestern counties received much needed moisture at week's end, with over an inch reported in areas. However, all conditions remained dire and affected by prolonged extreme drought. Early last week, the San Juan National Forest closed due to fires, affecting livestock producers with grazing permits. In the San Luis Valley, isolated rain was received but rangeland remained stressed from prolonged dry conditions. A reporter noted the alfalfa crop looked better with harvest moving along. Potatoes were noted to be growing fast and barley was in good shape. Southeastern counties received limited moisture with isolated hail observed last week. Livestock producers were reported to be putting out supplemental feed and liquidating herds due to drought and limited rangeland grass production. A reporter noted regrowth on alfalfa after harvest was poor due to lack of moisture. Statewide, winter wheat was rated 51 percent good to excellent, compared with 41 percent good to excellent last year. Stored feed supplies were rated 7 percent very short, 18 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 56 percent average and 44 percent light. Cattle death loss was 77 percent average and 23 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	66	42	57	57
2 nd cutting harvested	1	NA	NA	NA
Barley				
Headed	33	11	20	16
Corn				
Emerged	97	93	95	95
Dry edible beans				
Planted	58	48	76	73
Emerged	40	23	46	42
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Emerged	92	87	76	79
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Emerged	97	88	96	96
Sorghum				
Planted	74	63	80	73
Emerged	50	36	50	41
Spring wheat				
Emerged	93	91	86	96
Headed	20	11	17	26
Sunflowers				
Planted	58	38	62	53
Winter wheat				
Headed	97	92	97	93
Turning color	62	29	57	43
Mature	3	--	11	6

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.....	6.8	6.9	6.6	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	23	21	2	12
Short.....	37	28	14	22
Adequate	39	51	82	62
Surplus.....	1	--	2	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	15	13	1	15
Short.....	24	23	11	21
Adequate	61	64	86	61
Surplus.....	--	--	2	3

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	9	1	3
Poor.....	12	11	8	7
Fair.....	28	28	28	26
Good	44	43	53	51
Excellent	7	9	10	13
Barley				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	3	3	--	1
Fair.....	28	26	20	21
Good	49	49	54	55
Excellent	20	22	26	23
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	3	3	3	3
Fair.....	16	12	14	23
Good	70	76	71	58
Excellent	11	9	12	14
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	22	NA	--	NA
Poor.....	4	NA	--	NA
Fair.....	16	NA	27	NA
Good	50	NA	66	NA
Excellent	8	NA	7	NA
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	2	1	--	2
Fair.....	12	29	31	16
Good	83	61	59	68
Excellent	3	9	10	13
Pasture and range				
Very poor	21	17	--	10
Poor.....	29	25	2	14
Fair.....	27	31	20	22
Good	21	26	65	45
Excellent	2	1	13	9
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	4	4	NA	NA
Fair.....	16	15	NA	NA
Good	56	59	NA	NA
Excellent	24	22	NA	NA
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	24	18	5	NA
Good	52	56	81	NA
Excellent	24	26	14	NA
Sorghum				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	2	9	1	3
Fair.....	17	12	14	29
Good	81	72	79	63
Excellent	--	7	6	3
Spring wheat				
Very poor	14	15	--	2
Poor.....	2	1	--	3
Fair.....	18	15	25	28
Good	58	57	72	63
Excellent	8	12	3	4
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	1	--	--	--
Poor.....	5	1	--	2
Fair.....	23	23	11	16
Good	61	59	72	66
Excellent	10	17	17	16
Winter wheat				
Very poor	7	7	6	15
Poor.....	17	15	14	16
Fair.....	25	25	39	27
Good	45	46	31	33
Excellent	6	7	10	9
Livestock				
Very poor	1	1	--	1
Poor.....	3	3	--	2
Fair.....	16	17	11	17
Good	73	69	72	69
Excellent	7	10	17	11

NA – not available

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