



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 24, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm temperatures last week interspersed with severe storms continued to push crop growth and maturity, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Eastern districts received mostly isolated moisture, while western and southern counties remained dry. Northeastern county reporters noted locally heavy moisture was received, coupled with damaging hail. Several reporters stated hail caused isolated, but severe, crop damage in areas. Winter wheat was also noted to be maturing fast due to warm temps. In localities that haven't received moisture, a reporter noted rangeland was suffering with decreased stocking rates reported. In the east central district, wheat harvest began last week in southern counties. Early observations indicated low test weights were an issue for some producers. Spotty precipitation was also received, with some localities receiving over an inch and others seeing little. A reporter noted prolonged lack of moisture kept producers from getting sunflowers and sorghum planted, with some acres expected not to be planted at all. In southwestern counties, devastating drought conditions continued without reprieve. Extreme fire danger and actively burning fires continued. In the San Luis Valley, little moisture was received last week, allowing alfalfa hay harvest to progress quickly. Reporters noted irrigated crops were doing well where water was available, but that rangeland continued to show drought stress. A reporter mentioned some livestock were being sent to sale due to decreased range production and forage shortages. Southeastern counties received spotty precipitation, but not enough to mitigate extreme drought conditions. Multiple reporters noted sorghum not yet planted wasn't expected to be planted due to severe lack of moisture and short irrigation water supplies. Statewide, winter wheat was maturing ahead of the average, with 42 percent rated good to excellent, compared with 46 percent good to excellent last year. Stored feed supplies were rated 7 percent very short, 19 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 76 percent average and 24 percent light. Cattle death loss was 82 percent average and 18 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	81	66	78	75
2 nd cutting harvested	3	1	NA	NA
Barley				
Headed	60	33	49	38
Turning color	1	--	NA	NA
Dry edible beans				
Planted	83	58	93	88
Emerg'd	62	40	72	66
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Emerg'd	98	92	89	94
Sorghum				
Planted	96	74	94	91
Emerg'd	72	50	68	62
Spring wheat				
Emerg'd	96	93	94	99
Headed	29	20	37	42
Sunflowers				
Planted	80	58	82	75
Winter wheat				
Turning color	88	62	84	70
Mature	36	3	36	20
Harvested	6	--	1	1

NA – not available

(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	5.6	6.8	6.7	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	17	23	3	13
Short.....	22	37	15	24
Adequate	58	39	78	59
Surplus.....	3	1	4	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	17	15	3	17
Short.....	23	24	13	21
Adequate	60	61	81	60
Surplus.....	--	--	3	2

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	10	9	2	5
Poor.....	17	12	8	8
Fair.....	32	28	29	26
Good	35	44	50	48
Excellent	6	7	11	13
Barley				
Very poor	1	--	--	--
Poor.....	4	3	--	1
Fair.....	30	28	19	19
Good	45	49	57	56
Excellent	20	20	24	24
Corn				
Very poor	2	--	--	3
Poor.....	6	3	6	5
Fair.....	17	16	11	22
Good	65	70	68	55
Excellent	10	11	15	15
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	22	22	--	--
Poor.....	12	4	--	--
Fair.....	14	16	24	40
Good	45	50	68	53
Excellent	7	8	8	7
Onions				
Very poor	5	--	--	1
Poor.....	7	2	--	2
Fair.....	18	12	17	16
Good	67	83	67	67
Excellent	3	3	16	14
Pasture and range				
Very poor	26	21	--	12
Poor.....	27	29	3	14
Fair.....	21	27	19	21
Good	24	21	65	44
Excellent	2	2	13	9
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	4	4	--	NA
Fair.....	13	16	24	NA
Good	59	56	53	NA
Excellent	24	24	23	NA
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	2	--	--	NA
Poor.....	4	--	--	NA
Fair.....	27	24	8	NA
Good	44	52	77	NA
Excellent	23	24	15	NA
Sorghum				
Very poor	2	--	1	2
Poor.....	3	2	3	6
Fair.....	9	17	19	32
Good	86	81	71	56
Excellent	--	--	6	4
Spring wheat				
Very poor	13	14	--	2
Poor.....	2	2	1	3
Fair.....	18	18	17	26
Good	59	58	79	64
Excellent	8	8	3	5
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	3	1	--	--
Poor.....	11	5	--	2
Fair.....	27	23	15	16
Good	48	61	65	65
Excellent	11	10	20	17
Winter wheat				
Very poor	6	7	5	16
Poor.....	19	17	13	15
Fair.....	33	25	36	27
Good	36	45	33	33
Excellent	6	6	13	9
Livestock				
Very poor	--	1	--	1
Poor.....	3	3	--	4
Fair.....	20	16	11	18
Good	70	73	74	66
Excellent	7	7	15	11

NA – not available

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