



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 1, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Above normal temperatures and dry conditions accelerated winter wheat harvest last week, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Eastern districts received isolated moisture, while western and southern counties remained very dry. Several fires in western and southern Colorado were reported last week. In northeastern counties, reporters noted precipitation delayed cutting of alfalfa and planting of other hay crops in areas. Several producers began winter wheat harvest in these counties last week where conditions allowed. Crops, livestock, and rangeland were reportedly in good condition where moisture supplies were favorable. East central counties received isolated precipitation, with damaging hail also reported. Conditions continued to worsen in areas that have experienced prolonged hot and dry weather; a reporter noted hay production was spotty and pasture conditions remained poor. San Luis Valley reporters noted first cutting of alfalfa was nearly complete and helped along by hot and dry conditions. Other irrigated crops were reportedly doing well, but rangeland continued to suffer from drought conditions and reduced range production was noted. Southeastern counties received isolated moisture last week, but amounts varied greatly. Winter wheat harvest was in full swing, but a reporter noted harvest was delayed in the easternmost part of the district due to locally heavy rain. Spring crops were noted to be showing signs of drought stress. In Costilla and Huerfano counties, the Spring fire had burned over 45,000 acres by week's end and was burning uncontained. Statewide, winter wheat harvested was ahead of the average at 21 percent complete, compared to 11 percent last year. Winter wheat was rated 48 percent good to excellent, compared with 42 percent good to excellent last year. Stored feed supplies were rated 13 percent very short, 23 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 66 percent average and 34 percent light. Cattle death loss was 75 percent average and 25 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	91	81	92	88
2 nd cutting harvested	8	3	7	9
Barley				
Headed	75	60	78	65
Turning color	7	1	2	6
Dry edible beans				
Planted	96	83	NA	NA
Emerged	82	62	91	83
Blooming	1	NA	NA	NA
Sorghum				
Emerged	93	72	87	81
Spring wheat				
Headed	50	29	61	59
Turning color	1	--	NA	NA
Sunflowers				
Planted	95	80	89	87
Winter wheat				
Turning color	94	88	94	90
Mature	61	36	61	42
Harvested	21	6	11	9

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.....	6.2	5.6	6.7	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	18	17	4	13
Short.....	22	22	24	27
Adequate	56	58	71	56
Surplus.....	4	3	1	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	16	17	1	17
Short.....	23	23	21	23
Adequate	61	60	77	58
Surplus.....	--	--	1	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	10	--	3
Poor.....	15	17	7	7
Fair.....	33	32	29	26
Good	37	35	55	51
Excellent	5	6	9	13
Barley				
Very poor	--	1	--	--
Poor.....	--	4	--	--
Fair.....	40	30	22	19
Good	42	45	49	57
Excellent	18	20	29	24
Corn				
Very poor	2	2	--	2
Poor.....	3	6	9	5
Fair.....	17	17	17	21
Good	67	65	63	58
Excellent	11	10	11	14
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	15	22	--	--
Poor.....	14	12	8	2
Fair.....	11	14	24	36
Good	57	45	61	55
Excellent	3	7	7	7
Onions				
Very poor	--	5	--	1
Poor.....	--	7	--	3
Fair.....	40	18	18	16
Good	55	67	69	67
Excellent	5	3	13	13
Pasture and range				
Very poor	21	26	--	13
Poor.....	30	27	5	14
Fair.....	24	21	28	22
Good	23	24	57	42
Excellent	2	2	10	9
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	5	4	2	NA
Fair.....	20	13	23	NA
Good	45	59	44	NA
Excellent	30	24	31	NA
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	2	--	NA
Poor.....	5	4	--	NA
Fair.....	9	27	10	NA
Good	65	44	80	NA
Excellent	21	23	10	NA
Sorghum				
Very poor	3	2	1	4
Poor.....	6	3	5	10
Fair.....	13	9	23	31
Good	77	86	67	52
Excellent	1	--	4	3
Spring wheat				
Very poor	15	13	--	1
Poor.....	1	2	2	3
Fair.....	25	18	15	27
Good	46	59	80	64
Excellent	13	8	3	5
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	1	3	--	--
Poor.....	7	11	--	2
Fair.....	26	27	13	16
Good	54	48	67	65
Excellent	12	11	20	17
Winter wheat				
Very poor	5	6	6	16
Poor.....	18	19	15	15
Fair.....	29	33	37	27
Good	41	36	30	33
Excellent	7	6	12	9
Livestock				
Very poor	1	--	--	1
Poor.....	4	3	--	3
Fair.....	20	20	15	19
Good	66	70	73	67
Excellent	9	7	12	10

NA – not available

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