



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 29, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Soil moisture supplies improved with monsoon rainfall last week which was mostly concentrated in eastern districts, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Statewide, winter wheat harvest was virtually complete by week's end. In northeastern counties, received moisture held conditions steady and provided relief to drier areas. Reduced fieldwork was noted due to adverse weather, which mostly affected the end of winter wheat harvest and hay harvest. Several reporters noted late week storms brought high winds, heavy rain, and localized hail that severely damaged crops and caused significant losses in areas. Spring crops, rangeland, and livestock were reportedly doing well aside from isolated severe weather damage. East central counties also received beneficial moisture last week, although rainfall was spotty in areas. Reporters noted severe weather in Morgan and Washington counties brought tornadoes and hail upwards of 3 inches in diameter. Severe damage and crop losses were noted. In southwestern counties, precipitation was minimal. Exceptional drought conditions persisted and ranchers continued to sell off stock in response. Production from first cutting alfalfa was noted to be below average. The San Luis Valley received some scattered moisture with reports of light hail, but overall conditions remained very dry. A reporter noted aphids were observed in small grains and hay but that crop conditions remained steady. Livestock were reportedly being moved off pastures early due to water shortages. In southeastern counties, rain was received in several areas last week, bringing some relief to dry conditions. Localized rainfall of up to 6 inches was observed along with minor flooding. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 9 percent very short, 29 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 64 percent average and 36 percent light. Cattle death loss was 63 percent average and 37 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	71	61	67	68
3 rd cutting harvested	10	6	8	6
Barley				
Turning color	77	63	70	61
Harvested	4	3	3	8
Corn				
Silked.....	73	55	62	57
Doughed.....	9	1	2	1
Dry edible beans				
Blooming	70	57	56	59
Sorghum				
Headed.....	39	28	21	20
Turning color	2	--	--	3
Spring wheat				
Headed.....	88	80	96	99
Turning color	40	18	58	56
Winter wheat				
Harvested	97	90	93	92

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.....	4.9	6.2	5.8	5.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	11	24	3	10
Short.....	24	35	34	30
Adequate	61	40	61	57
Surplus.....	4	1	2	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	13	23	3	14
Short.....	19	33	34	29
Adequate	66	43	62	55
Surplus.....	2	1	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	7	9	--	2
Poor.....	14	15	11	8
Fair.....	29	33	27	27
Good	39	36	54	51
Excellent	11	7	8	12
Barley				
Very poor	--	1	--	--
Poor.....	--	1	1	2
Fair.....	27	34	24	19
Good	48	45	55	55
Excellent	25	19	20	24
Corn				
Very poor	2	5	5	3
Poor.....	8	14	8	6
Fair.....	28	25	21	22
Good	49	44	57	57
Excellent	13	12	9	12
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	12	16	--	--
Poor.....	28	30	7	4
Fair.....	11	16	32	36
Good	31	26	54	54
Excellent	18	12	7	6
Onions				
Very poor	--	2	--	1
Poor.....	1	2	--	3
Fair.....	17	16	23	16
Good	62	70	57	64
Excellent	20	10	20	16
Pasture and range				
Very poor	24	25	1	9
Poor.....	22	26	12	16
Fair.....	24	28	32	26
Good	28	21	46	41
Excellent	2	--	9	8
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	4	5	3	NA
Fair.....	12	16	14	NA
Good	61	53	54	NA
Excellent	23	26	29	NA
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	2	2	--	NA
Poor.....	2	3	--	NA
Fair.....	12	13	7	NA
Good	52	59	90	NA
Excellent	32	23	3	NA
Sorghum				
Very poor	4	12	13	6
Poor.....	13	13	8	12
Fair.....	26	34	30	35
Good	55	38	44	44
Excellent	2	3	5	3
Spring wheat				
Very poor	19	28	--	3
Poor.....	--	3	5	7
Fair.....	12	7	26	29
Good	57	55	61	56
Excellent	12	7	8	5
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	1	2	--	--
Poor.....	6	3	4	3
Fair.....	22	19	14	15
Good	44	57	68	66
Excellent	27	19	14	16
Sunflowers				
Very poor	--	2	1	1
Poor.....	--	5	4	10
Fair.....	21	30	30	34
Good	74	62	60	47
Excellent	5	1	5	8
Livestock				
Very poor	2	5	--	1
Poor.....	3	5	2	2
Fair.....	18	20	12	19
Good	69	63	78	68
Excellent	8	7	8	10

NA – not available

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