



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 5, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Producers were still assessing damage last week from tornadoes and hail that occurred on July 29, 2018, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Northeastern and east central county reporters noted storm damage from the prior week's severe weather ranged from significant to total crop loss in areas. Corn, dry beans, millet, sorghum, sunflowers, and forage crops were noted as affected. Livestock losses and damage to rangeland grass were also mentioned. For crops not affected by severe weather, reporters noted conditions were very favorable due to continued moisture. Hay quality was noted to be down due to rain during cutting. Concerns remained in drier areas regarding crop yields and fall planting conditions. Northwestern counties received moisture last week that helped improve range conditions. A reporter noted that some hay was lost as a result of rain after being cut. In southwestern counties, little moisture was received last week and exceptional drought conditions continued to adversely impact the region. Barley harvest started in the San Luis Valley last week and a reporter noted potato vines were being killed. Second cutting of alfalfa was progressing, but a reporter noted some rain delayed baling. Southeastern county reporters noted recent rains benefitted pasture and crop conditions. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 14 percent very short, 17 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 72 percent average and 28 percent light. Cattle death loss was 71 percent average and 29 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	78	71	77	78
3 rd cutting harvested	16	10	18	15
Barley				
Turning color	89	77	84	80
Harvested	9	4	5	16
Corn				
Silked	83	73	84	81
Doughed	23	9	6	9
Dry edible beans				
Blooming	79	70	72	72
Cut	4	NA	NA	NA
Onions				
Harvested	1	NA	NA	NA
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	1	0	NA	NA
Sorghum				
Headed	62	39	46	39
Turning color	6	2	--	6
Spring wheat				
Headed	96	88	NA	NA
Turning color	60	40	76	70
Harvested	5	--	5	10

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.....	6.0	4.9	5.4	5.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	15	11	2	10
Short.....	25	24	22	26
Adequate	56	61	70	60
Surplus.....	4	4	6	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	22	13	4	14
Short.....	21	19	24	27
Adequate	53	66	70	57
Surplus.....	4	2	2	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	7	4	4
Poor.....	16	14	12	8
Fair.....	29	29	25	25
Good	37	39	52	50
Excellent	8	11	7	13
Barley				
Very poor	1	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	--	9	3
Fair.....	27	27	26	22
Good	52	48	54	53
Excellent	19	25	11	22
Corn				
Very poor	6	2	4	3
Poor.....	5	8	13	7
Fair.....	18	28	25	22
Good	66	49	50	56
Excellent	5	13	8	12
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	9	12	--	--
Poor.....	21	28	7	5
Fair.....	15	11	30	38
Good	45	31	58	50
Excellent	10	18	5	7
Onions				
Very poor	2	--	--	1
Poor.....	2	1	--	3
Fair.....	30	17	44	21
Good	55	62	50	62
Excellent	11	20	6	13
Pasture and range				
Very poor	33	24	1	8
Poor.....	24	22	9	15
Fair.....	20	24	33	29
Good	20	28	50	41
Excellent	3	2	7	7
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	4	4	7	NA
Fair.....	16	12	19	NA
Good	53	61	49	NA
Excellent	27	23	25	NA
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	2	2	--	NA
Poor.....	3	2	--	NA
Fair.....	12	12	7	NA
Good	60	52	89	NA
Excellent	23	32	4	NA
Sorghum				
Very poor	14	4	3	5
Poor.....	9	13	4	11
Fair.....	16	26	33	34
Good	57	55	53	46
Excellent	4	2	7	4
Spring wheat				
Very poor	10	19	--	2
Poor.....	1	--	7	6
Fair.....	15	12	26	30
Good	60	57	62	57
Excellent	14	12	5	5
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	2	1	--	--
Poor.....	6	6	2	2
Fair.....	21	22	12	14
Good	51	44	73	68
Excellent	20	27	13	16
Sunflowers				
Very poor	3	--	--	4
Poor.....	4	--	3	9
Fair.....	18	21	34	32
Good	65	74	59	48
Excellent	10	5	4	7
Livestock				
Very poor	5	2	--	1
Poor.....	5	3	1	2
Fair.....	19	18	14	17
Good	61	69	75	69
Excellent	10	8	10	11

NA – not available

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