



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 12, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm and mostly dry conditions were ideal for fieldwork activities last week, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Northeastern county reporters noted moisture supplies held steady in areas despite a hot week. Producers affected by the storm on July 29th continued to assess damages. A reporter noted loss of contracted feed crops due to the storm had livestock producers looking for feed in alternative areas. Non-irrigated crops and pasture in areas that have not received recent moisture were showing drought stress with some producers reporting crop failure. In east central counties, crops were noted to be doing well in those areas that benefitted from recent rains. A reporter in Kiowa county noted CRP opened for grazing helped relieve pressure on native pastures; recent moisture helped grass recover and gain some late growth. In the San Luis Valley, barley harvest was in full swing last week and producers were preparing for potato harvest. Reporters noted there were some scattered showers, but pasture and rangeland continued to be very short. Southwestern counties received little moisture last week and exceptional drought conditions persisted. Monsoon moisture has yet to provide projected relief. Southeastern counties received spotty precipitation in areas, but drought conditions continued. Hay harvest progressed well and crops were noted to be improving where moisture was received. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 7 percent very short, 17 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 2 percent heavy, 59 percent average, and 39 percent light. Cattle death loss was 2 percent heavy, 67 percent average, and 31 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	87	78	85	86
3 rd cutting harvested	29	16	27	24
Barley				
Turning color	93	89	92	90
Harvested	21	9	10	24
Corn				
Silked.....	93	83	95	92
Doughed.....	42	23	22	26
Dented.....	3	--	1	2
Harvested for silage	1	--	--	1
Dry edible beans				
Blooming	88	79	85	87
Cut	11	4	NA	NA
Onions				
Harvested	4	1	2	NA
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	7	1	8	4
Sorghum				
Headed.....	76	62	65	56
Turning color	10	6	5	14
Spring wheat				
Turning color	76	60	89	82
Harvested	13	5	8	15

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.....	6.5	6.0	4.2	5.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	12	15	1	8
Short.....	30	25	14	25
Adequate	54	56	78	63
Surplus.....	4	4	7	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	18	22	1	13
Short.....	25	21	16	26
Adequate	53	53	80	59
Surplus.....	4	4	3	2

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	8	10	4	4
Poor.....	17	16	13	9
Fair.....	30	29	25	25
Good	37	37	52	50
Excellent	8	8	6	12
Barley				
Very poor	--	1	--	--
Poor.....	--	1	5	2
Fair.....	34	27	27	22
Good	47	52	56	54
Excellent	19	19	12	22
Corn				
Very poor	3	6	--	2
Poor.....	8	5	9	6
Fair.....	26	18	19	21
Good	58	66	57	58
Excellent	5	5	15	13
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	11	9	--	--
Poor.....	19	21	6	3
Fair.....	17	15	25	35
Good	47	45	67	56
Excellent	6	10	2	6
Onions				
Very poor	4	2	--	1
Poor.....	5	2	2	3
Fair.....	32	30	35	19
Good	52	55	59	66
Excellent	7	11	4	11
Pasture and range				
Very poor	30	33	--	7
Poor.....	29	24	8	15
Fair.....	24	20	24	26
Good	15	20	59	44
Excellent	2	3	9	8
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	5	4	8	NA
Fair.....	16	16	15	NA
Good	53	53	54	NA
Excellent	26	27	23	NA
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	2	2	--	NA
Poor.....	3	3	--	NA
Fair.....	13	12	4	NA
Good	59	60	88	NA
Excellent	23	23	8	NA
Sorghum				
Very poor	9	14	2	5
Poor.....	13	9	4	11
Fair.....	23	16	13	30
Good	53	57	71	50
Excellent	2	4	10	4
Spring wheat				
Very poor	15	10	--	2
Poor.....	7	1	7	6
Fair.....	14	15	27	29
Good	56	60	62	58
Excellent	8	14	4	5
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	2	2	1	--
Poor.....	5	6	1	2
Fair.....	18	21	10	15
Good	53	51	77	69
Excellent	22	20	11	14
Sunflowers				
Very poor	2	3	--	4
Poor.....	4	4	2	9
Fair.....	25	18	15	28
Good	61	65	76	51
Excellent	8	10	7	8
Livestock				
Very poor	2	5	--	--
Poor.....	3	5	1	2
Fair.....	21	19	14	18
Good	66	61	77	70
Excellent	8	10	8	10

NA – not available

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