



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 19, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Harvest of mature crops progressed last week between precipitation events, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Northeastern county reporters noted limited rain last week allowed producers good field access. Harvest of corn silage and hay continued. Pasture and livestock were reportedly in very good condition in areas that received recent moisture. A reporter in Morgan county noted crops and rangeland continued to show drought stress or failure in drier areas. Livestock producers remained concerned regarding short feed supplies and rangeland conditions that deteriorated due to lack of moisture in areas. East central counties received varying amounts of precipitation last week. Reporters noted drier areas were still in need of moisture to support maturing crops and rangeland condition. Barley harvest progressed in the San Luis Valley last week, but was hindered by isolated precipitation. Reporters noted mold or sprout damage to barley was a concern due to rain. Potato harvest also started last week and second cutting of alfalfa was winding down. In southwestern counties, limited precipitation continued to exacerbate exceptional drought conditions and rangeland fires. Southeastern county reporters noted last week was mainly dry with spotty rain showers. Crop conditions were noted to be improving with recent moisture, but some areas remained dry. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 3 percent very short, 19 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 2 percent heavy, 60 percent average, and 38 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 65 percent average, and 34 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	96	87	91	93
3 rd cutting harvested	41	29	38	35
Barley				
Turning color	95	93	95	97
Harvested	52	21	23	35
Corn				
Silked	96	93	97	97
Doughed	64	42	46	50
Dented	8	3	6	11
Harvested for silage	6	1	2	2
Dry edible beans				
Blooming	92	88	94	NA
Cut	20	11	NA	NA
Onions				
Harvested	10	4	8	6
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	4	--	NA	NA
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	12	7	12	12
Sorghum				
Headed	85	76	77	71
Turning color	17	10	15	23
Spring wheat				
Turning color	90	76	94	89
Harvested	42	13	11	24

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.....	6.3	6.5	5.9	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	11	12	3	8
Short.....	24	30	18	26
Adequate	62	54	75	63
Surplus.....	3	4	4	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	17	18	3	13
Short.....	25	25	19	26
Adequate	56	53	76	60
Surplus.....	2	4	2	1

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	8	4	4
Poor.....	15	17	14	8
Fair.....	26	30	26	25
Good	42	37	47	51
Excellent	9	8	9	12
Barley				
Very poor	1	--	1	1
Poor.....	1	--	11	4
Fair.....	27	34	34	24
Good	52	47	47	51
Excellent	19	19	7	20
Corn				
Very poor	3	3	--	3
Poor.....	16	8	3	5
Fair.....	24	26	16	21
Good	50	58	71	59
Excellent	7	5	10	12
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	12	11	--	1
Poor.....	22	19	3	3
Fair.....	32	17	22	30
Good	28	47	74	59
Excellent	6	6	1	7
Onions				
Very poor	3	4	--	1
Poor.....	2	5	2	4
Fair.....	18	32	34	19
Good	67	52	48	62
Excellent	10	7	16	14
Pasture and range				
Very poor	28	30	1	6
Poor.....	24	29	11	15
Fair.....	27	24	22	27
Good	19	15	54	44
Excellent	2	2	12	8
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	4	5	11	NA
Fair.....	9	16	16	NA
Good	66	53	55	NA
Excellent	21	26	18	NA
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	2	2	--	NA
Poor.....	3	3	--	NA
Fair.....	13	13	3	NA
Good	59	59	90	NA
Excellent	23	23	7	NA
Sorghum				
Very poor	4	9	3	5
Poor.....	17	13	4	11
Fair.....	31	23	13	30
Good	46	53	74	51
Excellent	2	2	6	3
Spring wheat				
Very poor	9	15	--	3
Poor.....	2	7	7	5
Fair.....	18	14	28	29
Good	61	56	61	58
Excellent	10	8	4	5
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	1	2	--	--
Poor.....	3	5	--	2
Fair.....	25	18	5	13
Good	49	53	81	71
Excellent	22	22	14	14
Sunflowers				
Very poor	1	2	2	4
Poor.....	6	4	2	9
Fair.....	28	25	14	27
Good	61	61	77	53
Excellent	4	8	5	7
Livestock				
Very poor	2	2	--	--
Poor.....	3	3	4	2
Fair.....	21	21	14	17
Good	63	66	74	71
Excellent	11	8	8	10

NA – not available

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