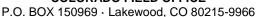
## **COLORADO CROP PROGRESS**



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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**

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Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average			
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)			
Alfalfa hay							
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested	96	87	91	93			
3 <sup>rd</sup> 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

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	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	Provious year	5 year average
Commodity			Previous year	5-year average
Alfalfa hay	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
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	0	1.5		2
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	1	2		
Very poor	1	2		
Poor	3 25	5		2
Fair	49	18 53	5 81	13 71
Good	22	22		
Excellent	22	22	14	14
Sunflowers Very poor	1	2	2	4
Very poor	6	<u>∠</u> 1	$\frac{2}{2}$	9
Poor Fair	28	25	14	27
Good	61	61	77	53
Excellent	4	8	5	33 7
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Livestock				
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Very poor Poor	3	3		2
Fair	21	21	14	17
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Excellent	63 11	66 8	74 8	71 10

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