



# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 2, 2019

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Isolated precipitation and severe weather in areas kept producers out of the field early last week, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. In northwestern counties, a reporter noted pocket gopher damage to some alfalfa fields adversely affected growth. Rangeland grass was in need of warmer weather to promote growth. Northeastern county reporters noted crops in the path of isolated hail storms received marked damage. Wind damage to young seedlings was also reported. Received precipitation, heavy in areas, was beneficial to non-irrigated crops and rangeland, as well as topsoil conditions in fields yet to be planted. A reporter noted corn and sugarbeet growth was slow due to cool and wet weather. In east central counties, reporters noted needed moisture was received, although conditions in drier areas were still concerning. Isolated severe weather and damaging hail was reported. A reporter noted light stripe rust was observed in winter wheat. In the San Luis Valley, fall potato planting neared completion. Emergence picked up, although a reporter noted some growth was still slowed by cooler weather. Rangeland growth was also slow with some livestock producers waiting to turn stock out until grass growth improved. In southeastern counties, some light precipitation was received early in the week. Freeze damage to wheat from prior cold weather was noted as more severe and widespread than first thought. A reporter noted hay was being cut but little was baled thus far. Topsoil moisture was noted as short in areas with many producers irrigating newly planted crops up. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 5 percent very short, 12 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 1 percent heavy, 82 percent average, and 17 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 84 percent average, and 15 percent light.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested .....	23	14	15	18
Corn				
Planted .....	78	71	95	93
Emerged .....	49	25	70	73
Dry edible beans				
Planted .....	5	4	24	26
Emerged .....	2	1	NA	NA
Onions				
Planted .....	96	90	NA	NA
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Planted .....	97	93	96	96
Emerged .....	17	6	26	18
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Planted .....	99	91	97	NA
Emerged .....	66	42	72	84
Proso millet				
Planted .....	41	27	NA	NA
Sorghum				
Planted .....	37	12	44	32
Emerged .....	7	3	NA	NA
Sugarbeets				
Emerged .....	83	81	91	94
Sunflowers				
Planted .....	8	--	17	14
Winter wheat				
Jointed .....	96	94	NA	NA
Headed .....	68	47	74	79
Turning color .....	1	--	6	6

NA – not available

(--) – zero

**DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION**

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	4.4	4.2	6.3	5.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1	18	7
Short.....	7	7	27	16
Adequate.....	82	87	54	68
Surplus.....	10	5	1	9
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	2	2	14	9
Short.....	10	13	20	16
Adequate.....	81	81	66	71
Surplus.....	7	4	--	4

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.....	3	3	8	2
Poor.....	8	7	11	6
Fair.....	8	12	25	26
Good.....	65	63	44	52
Excellent.....	16	15	12	14
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	1	1	1
Fair.....	16	16	26	19
Good.....	65	63	55	58
Excellent.....	19	20	18	22
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	2	2	--	3
Fair.....	7	9	30	17
Good.....	88	86	64	68
Excellent.....	3	3	6	11
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	1	16	7
Poor.....	2	3	24	14
Fair.....	16	16	24	22
Good.....	62	68	30	47
Excellent.....	19	12	6	10
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	2	--	1
Fair.....	17	25	11	13
Good.....	62	54	65	70
Excellent.....	19	19	24	16
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	4	4	--	1
Fair.....	29	21	40	24
Good.....	60	59	45	62
Excellent.....	7	16	15	13
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	1	5	7
Poor.....	3	3	17	14
Fair.....	16	21	25	28
Good.....	60	62	46	42
Excellent.....	20	13	7	9
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	--
Poor.....	3	2	3	2
Fair.....	15	16	13	14
Good.....	72	72	70	72
Excellent.....	10	10	13	12

NA – not available

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