



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 9, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warmer and drier weather last week allowed producers more days in the field and helped advance crop development, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Isolated severe weather and precipitation were reported in several counties. Northeastern county reporters noted corn planting neared completion last week and alfalfa hay harvest was underway. A reporter mentioned receiving more reports than normal of invasive cheatgrass stands, raising concerns for fire danger and future weed control. In the San Luis Valley, light damage to barley from hail was reported last week. Although still behind the average, fall potato emergence picked up slightly due to warmer temperatures. Some freeze damage was noted in alfalfa due to below freezing overnight temperatures late in the week. Reporters mentioned more heat units are needed for crop development to really move ahead. In southeastern counties, sorghum planting began and some corn was still being planted last week. Varying amounts of isolated precipitation were received. Hay harvest progressed slowly as conditions allowed. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 5 percent very short, 16 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 1 percent heavy, 90 percent average, and 9 percent light. Cattle death loss was 2 percent heavy, 87 percent average, and 11 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested	36	23	38	35
Barley				
Headed	1	--	10	6
Corn				
Planted	88	78	99	98
Emerged	69	49	90	88
Dry edible beans				
Planted	14	5	45	44
Emerged	3	2	21	17
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Emerged	39	17	79	52
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Emerged	85	66	86	90
Proso millet				
Planted	50	41	NA	NA
Sorghum				
Planted	58	37	61	49
Emerged	16	7	33	23
Sugarbeets				
Emerged	91	83	97	NA
Sunflowers				
Planted	35	8	35	30
Winter wheat				
Headed	83	68	90	92
Turning color	2	1	26	21

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.....	5.6	4.4	6.9	5.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	1	21	8
Short.....	7	7	28	18
Adequate	86	82	51	66
Surplus.....	5	10	--	8
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	2	2	13	9
Short.....	11	10	23	16
Adequate	83	81	64	71
Surplus.....	4	7	--	4

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	3	3	9	2
Poor.....	6	8	11	6
Fair.....	8	8	28	26
Good	63	65	43	53
Excellent	20	16	9	13
Barley				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	--	3	1
Fair.....	17	16	26	18
Good	60	65	49	56
Excellent	21	19	22	25
Corn				
Very poor	--	NA	--	--
Poor.....	4	NA	3	2
Fair.....	27	NA	12	18
Good	63	NA	76	68
Excellent	6	NA	9	12
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	2	1	3
Fair.....	13	7	29	21
Good	82	88	61	65
Excellent	5	3	9	10
Pasture and range				
Very poor	1	1	17	7
Poor.....	2	2	25	13
Fair.....	15	16	31	23
Good	71	62	26	47
Excellent	11	19	1	10
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	2	--	--
Fair.....	17	17	18	12
Good	64	62	56	72
Excellent	17	19	26	16
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	4	1	2
Fair.....	33	29	23	18
Good	52	60	59	64
Excellent	13	7	17	16
Winter wheat				
Very poor	2	1	7	9
Poor.....	2	3	15	13
Fair.....	16	16	25	27
Good	59	60	46	40
Excellent	21	20	7	11
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	1	--
Poor.....	4	3	3	2
Fair.....	16	15	17	15
Good	68	72	69	70
Excellent	12	10	10	13

NA – not available

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