



# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 30, 2019

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Hot temperatures and mostly dry weather allowed fieldwork to continue and helped advance winter wheat maturity last week, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Northeastern county reporters noted isolated precipitation was heavy enough in areas to briefly reduce fieldwork. Hot temperatures promoted crop growth and emergence previously slowed by cool temperatures. Winter wheat starting to mature was aided by the warm weather. Livestock were reportedly in good condition, benefitting from better than average pasture and rangeland conditions. In east central counties, reporters noted hot and windy conditions quickly advanced winter wheat maturity with producers looking forward to the start of harvest. Most spring planting activities were nearing completion. In the San Luis Valley, alfalfa hay harvest continued last week. Reporters noted warm temperatures helped advance crop development, although potatoes remained behind average. In southeastern counties, producers continued to assess crop damage due to severe weather and hail. Hot temperatures pushed winter wheat maturity and harvest started in a few areas last week. Alfalfa harvest picked up with dry weather allowing more producers to bale. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 3 percent very short, 21 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 3 percent heavy, 75 percent average, and 22 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 77 percent average, and 22 percent light.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested .....	85	69	90	88
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	8	NA	7	9
Barley				
Headed .....	44	16	73	63
Turning color .....	4	NA	6	6
Corn				
Emerged .....	99	93	100	100
Dry edible beans				
Planted .....	80	54	94	NA
Emerged .....	54	20	79	80
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Emerged .....	98	90	NA	NA
Proso millet				
Planted .....	94	82	NA	NA
Sorghum				
Planted .....	94	90	99	98
Emerged .....	74	58	90	83
Sunflowers				
Planted .....	87	71	93	89
Winter wheat				
Turning color .....	70	44	93	91
Mature .....	21	1	57	46
Harvested .....	1	--	19	9

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.....	6.4	4.6	6.2	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	1	18	8
Short.....	9	6	22	22
Adequate .....	81	84	56	66
Surplus.....	7	9	4	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	3	16	10
Short.....	12	11	23	20
Adequate .....	79	81	61	68
Surplus.....	5	5	--	2

NA – not available

(--) – zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>				
Very poor .....	3	2	10	2
Poor.....	5	6	15	7
Fair.....	7	10	33	26
Good .....	72	68	37	52
Excellent .....	13	14	5	13
<b>Barley</b>				
Very poor .....	1	1	--	--
Poor.....	3	3	--	--
Fair.....	18	19	40	21
Good .....	58	49	42	53
Excellent .....	20	28	18	26
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	2	1
Poor.....	3	4	3	4
Fair.....	19	27	17	19
Good .....	69	63	67	61
Excellent .....	9	6	11	15
<b>Onions</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	--	2
Fair.....	3	6	40	20
Good .....	94	88	55	64
Excellent .....	3	6	5	13
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor .....	1	1	21	7
Poor.....	3	3	30	15
Fair.....	16	19	24	24
Good .....	63	58	23	45
Excellent .....	17	19	2	9
<b>Potatoes inside San Luis Valley</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	3	5	5	4
Fair.....	23	25	20	22
Good .....	56	51	45	51
Excellent .....	18	19	30	22
<b>Potatoes outside San Luis Valley</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	2	5	1
Fair.....	19	17	9	11
Good .....	70	73	65	71
Excellent .....	9	8	21	17
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Very poor .....	5	2	3	1
Poor.....	5	2	6	5
Fair.....	23	22	13	30
Good .....	59	67	77	61
Excellent .....	8	7	1	3
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	--	1	7	3
Fair.....	26	28	26	17
Good .....	62	59	54	62
Excellent .....	12	12	12	17
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Very poor .....	--	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	13	NA	NA	NA
Good .....	83	NA	NA	NA
Excellent .....	4	NA	NA	NA
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor .....	1	1	5	8
Poor.....	4	3	18	14
Fair.....	17	16	29	28
Good .....	52	51	41	39
Excellent .....	26	29	7	11
<b>Livestock</b>				
Very poor .....	--	1	1	--
Poor.....	3	4	4	2
Fair.....	15	21	20	16
Good .....	69	61	66	70
Excellent .....	13	13	9	12

NA – not available

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