



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 21, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Hot and dry weather last week allowed wheat harvest to advance quickly, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. In northeastern counties, wheat harvest was fully underway, although cooler temperatures and isolated moisture at week's end kept some producers out of the field. Yield reports from producers in these counties were noted as favorable. Reporters noted rangeland and dryland corn were starting to show stress from the hot weather in areas where rain was not received. In east central counties, wheat harvest continued and isolated moisture along with severe weather was reported. San Luis Valley reporters noted minimal rain was received and temperatures were warm. Crops and livestock were reportedly doing well, although rangeland was starting to dry out from the lack of precipitation. Barley heading was also noted as complete. In southeastern counties, reporters noted varying amounts of rain fell last week. Some areas received over two inches of rain and others remained dry. Hail was also reported. Winter wheat harvest was wrapping up, although a reporter noted some fields were not cut due to prior freeze damage. Alfalfa hay was noted as yielding well. Statewide, winter wheat was rated 77 percent good to excellent. Stored feed supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 13 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 1 percent heavy, 58 percent average, and 41 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 79 percent average, and 20 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	41	28	59	52
Barley				
Headed	94	87	97	95
Turning color	45	23	58	42
Corn				
Silked	21	4	50	30
Dry edible beans				
Blooming	32	20	54	43
Winter wheat				
Mature	87	66	NA	NA
Harvested	65	22	89	80

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	6.3	6.2	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	7	24	10
Short.....	17	17	35	29
Adequate	75	74	40	57
Surplus.....	4	2	1	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	3	3	23	12
Short.....	16	19	33	28
Adequate	76	75	43	58
Surplus.....	5	3	1	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)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	4	3	9	3
Poor.....	5	4	15	9
Fair.....	12	5	33	26
Good	59	69	36	49
Excellent	20	19	7	13
Barley				
Very poor	3	4	1	1
Poor.....	6	8	1	1
Fair.....	22	20	34	20
Good	45	51	45	52
Excellent	24	17	19	26
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	5	3
Poor.....	2	2	14	7
Fair.....	20	16	25	22
Good	65	65	44	55
Excellent	13	17	12	13
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	--	--	16	3
Poor.....	2	4	30	9
Fair.....	22	28	16	30
Good	70	65	26	50
Excellent	6	3	12	8
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	2	1
Poor.....	--	--	2	3
Fair.....	13	4	16	19
Good	84	94	70	63
Excellent	3	2	10	14
Pasture and range				
Very poor	1	1	25	8
Poor.....	3	4	26	16
Fair.....	17	20	28	28
Good	68	61	21	40
Excellent	11	14	--	8
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	3	5	5	5
Fair.....	30	28	16	19
Good	47	47	53	53
Excellent	20	20	26	22
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	2	--
Poor.....	2	2	3	1
Fair.....	19	18	13	11
Good	64	67	59	74
Excellent	15	13	23	14
Sorghum				
Very poor	1	1	12	5
Poor.....	1	2	13	9
Fair.....	21	26	34	36
Good	71	64	38	47
Excellent	6	7	3	3
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	2	1
Poor.....	2	1	3	2
Fair.....	17	17	19	16
Good	71	71	57	63
Excellent	10	11	19	18
Sunflowers				
Very poor	--	--	2	1
Poor.....	--	--	5	8
Fair.....	22	19	30	29
Good	73	75	62	54
Excellent	5	6	1	8
Winter wheat				
Very poor	1	1	NA	NA
Poor.....	3	3	NA	NA
Fair.....	19	14	NA	NA
Good	52	50	NA	NA
Excellent	25	32	NA	NA
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	5	1
Poor.....	4	3	5	2
Fair.....	15	11	20	16
Good	65	70	63	69
Excellent	16	16	7	12

NA – not available

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