



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 28, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Wheat harvest continued to progress last week amidst hot and mostly dry weather, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. In northeastern and east central counties, reporters noted conditions were favorable for wheat harvest. A few late-planted fields were not yet harvested. A reporter noted some wheat was damaged due to wheat stem sawfly infestations. Irrigated crops, especially corn, achieved more normal growth gains compared to earlier in the season. Rangeland and dryland crop conditions declined due to lack of moisture. In southwestern counties, abnormally dry conditions were introduced for the first time since May, according to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor report. Lack of monsoonal moisture was to blame. In the San Luis Valley, isolated moisture was received last week. According to a county reporter, barley started to turn color and the second cutting of alfalfa began. Disease stress in some barley due to earlier hail was also noted. Southeastern counties received minor amounts of precipitation, which was enough to slow the last of wheat harvest. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 9 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 1 percent heavy, 46 percent average, and 53 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 64 percent average, and 35 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	58	41	70	66
3 rd cutting harvested	1	--	9	7
Barley				
Headed	96	94	99	NA
Turning color	62	45	75	63
Harvested	4	--	4	7
Corn				
Silked	53	21	70	54
Doughed.....	1	--	8	2
Dry edible beans				
Blooming	41	32	68	61
Sorghum				
Headed	18	--	37	23
Winter wheat				
Mature.....	95	87	NA	NA
Harvested	80	65	96	92

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.....	6.3	6.3	4.9	5.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	4	11	7
Short	18	17	24	27
Adequate	74	75	61	62
Surplus.....	3	4	4	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	3	3	13	9
Short	17	16	19	25
Adequate	76	76	66	64
Surplus.....	4	5	2	2

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	4	7	2
Poor.....	4	5	14	8
Fair.....	7	12	29	25
Good	67	59	39	52
Excellent	19	20	11	13
Barley				
Very poor	2	3	--	--
Poor.....	5	6	--	1
Fair.....	17	22	27	19
Good	51	45	48	53
Excellent	25	24	25	27
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	2	2
Poor.....	1	2	8	5
Fair.....	19	20	28	21
Good	70	65	49	58
Excellent	10	13	13	14
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	--	--	12	2
Poor.....	2	2	28	7
Fair.....	19	22	11	30
Good	74	70	31	51
Excellent	5	6	18	10
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	1	3
Fair.....	11	13	17	16
Good	85	84	62	63
Excellent	4	3	20	17
Pasture and range				
Very poor	1	1	24	7
Poor.....	4	3	22	15
Fair.....	21	17	24	27
Good	64	68	28	43
Excellent	10	11	2	8
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	4	3	4	5
Fair.....	34	30	12	17
Good	44	47	61	54
Excellent	18	20	23	22
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	2	--
Poor.....	1	2	2	1
Fair.....	17	19	12	9
Good	68	64	52	76
Excellent	14	15	32	14
Sorghum				
Very poor	1	1	4	4
Poor.....	1	1	13	10
Fair.....	24	21	26	34
Good	69	71	55	49
Excellent	5	6	2	3
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	1	--
Poor.....	--	2	6	3
Fair.....	14	17	22	15
Good	78	71	44	62
Excellent	8	10	27	20
Sunflowers				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	--	6
Fair.....	20	22	21	27
Good	76	73	74	58
Excellent	4	5	5	8
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	2	--
Poor.....	2	4	3	2
Fair.....	11	15	18	14
Good	72	65	69	72
Excellent	15	16	8	12

NA – not available

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