



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 18, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Severe weather continued in eastern Colorado last week, with multiple days of damaging hail, severe thunderstorms, and tornadoes, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Northeastern county reporters noted crops were doing well where precipitation continued to fall. Producers in areas that have not received consistent moisture were concerned regarding declining dryland crop and rangeland conditions. Reporters also noted elevated fire danger was a concern. Limited corn silage harvest was also underway in a few northeastern counties. Localities in several east central counties hit hard by hail and severe weather were assessing crop damage last week after the storms. Precipitation received throughout the east central district was very spotty, with some areas receiving more than others. In western counties, minimal moisture was received last week. According to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor report, abnormally dry conditions expanded in southwestern Colorado due to insufficient monsoonal moisture. In the San Luis Valley, barley harvest began last week. Reporters noted alfalfa harvest was also moving along and potatoes were doing well. A reporter noted that potato vines were showing maturity with a few fields killed in preparation for harvest. In southeastern counties, rain was received last week. Hay harvest progressed as conditions allowed. A reporter also noted areas in central Prowers county received heavy hail damage from the storms. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 5 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 61 percent average and 39 percent light. Cattle death loss was 60 percent average and 40 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	97	90	95	93
3 rd cutting harvested	35	22	39	36
Barley				
Harvested	15	7	48	37
Corn				
Silked	96	91	96	96
Doughed.....	34	15	61	50
Dented.....	3	2	7	9
Harvested for silage	7	--	5	2
Dry edible beans				
Blooming	89	79	91	NA
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	5	--	11	9
Sorghum				
Headed	81	64	84	75
Turning color	4	3	16	20
Winter wheat				
Planted	1	NA	--	--

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.....	6.1	5.4	6.3	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	3	11	6
Short.....	15	15	24	24
Adequate	78	77	62	67
Surplus.....	4	5	3	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	3	3	17	9
Short.....	16	16	25	24
Adequate	77	77	56	65
Surplus.....	4	4	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	2	2	8	3
Poor.....	3	3	15	9
Fair.....	9	8	26	23
Good	70	73	42	52
Excellent	16	14	9	13
Barley				
Very poor	3	3	1	1
Poor.....	4	5	1	3
Fair.....	19	20	27	21
Good	52	49	52	52
Excellent	22	23	19	23
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	3	1
Poor.....	5	4	16	6
Fair.....	17	19	24	20
Good	62	64	50	60
Excellent	16	13	7	13
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	--	--	12	2
Poor.....	2	4	22	6
Fair.....	27	35	32	29
Good	70	56	28	54
Excellent	1	5	6	9
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	3	1
Poor.....	--	--	2	3
Fair.....	2	8	18	18
Good	98	89	67	63
Excellent	--	3	10	15
Pasture and range				
Very poor	1	1	28	8
Poor.....	3	3	24	15
Fair.....	17	15	27	25
Good	71	71	19	44
Excellent	8	10	2	8
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	5	3	4	6
Fair.....	33	30	9	17
Good	44	47	66	57
Excellent	18	20	21	19
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	2	--
Poor.....	2	2	3	1
Fair.....	16	15	13	9
Good	70	70	59	78
Excellent	12	13	23	12
Sorghum				
Very poor	1	1	4	2
Poor.....	2	1	17	10
Fair.....	21	24	31	29
Good	65	64	46	55
Excellent	11	10	2	4
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	1	--
Poor.....	3	1	3	2
Fair.....	7	13	25	13
Good	86	74	49	67
Excellent	4	12	22	18
Sunflowers				
Very poor	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	--	--	6	7
Fair.....	18	19	28	25
Good	69	70	61	59
Excellent	13	11	4	8
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	2	--
Poor.....	3	3	3	2
Fair.....	10	9	21	15
Good	74	74	63	71
Excellent	13	14	11	12

NA – not available

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