



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 25, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Barley harvest in the San Luis Valley was fully underway last week, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Statewide, hot and mostly dry conditions prevailed, allowing producers sufficient time in the field and pushing crops toward maturity. Severe weather and isolated precipitation, heavy in areas, was confined to eastern districts. In northeastern and eastern counties, reporters mentioned some areas received more moisture than others. A reporter noted pastures were in good condition where consistent moisture has been received. Reporters noted producer field activity focused on pre-harvest activities for spring crops and preparations for fall-seeded crops. Drier areas in the eastern districts remained a concern, especially for dryland crop and rangeland conditions. Southwestern and western counties received no moisture last week and hot temperatures persisted. Fire danger was elevated due to dry and windy conditions. In the San Luis Valley, barley harvest made significant gains last week amidst favorable weather. A reporter noted barley protein content was lower than normal due to the high amount of moisture received early in the season. Potato growers were also preparing for harvest. Rangeland and livestock were reportedly in good condition. In southeastern counties, isolated moisture was reported, but it varied greatly by locality. A county reporter mentioned crops were progressing well but still remained behind normal for this time of year. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 3 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 60 percent average and 40 percent light. Cattle death loss was 67 percent average and 33 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
3 rd cutting harvested	41	35	54	49
4 th cutting harvested	6	NA	NA	NA
Barley				
Harvested	45	15	73	56
Corn				
Doughed.....	56	34	76	70
Dented.....	10	3	23	25
Harvested for silage	8	7	15	7
Dry edible beans				
Blooming	95	89	96	NA
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	9	5	21	17
Sorghum				
Headed	89	81	90	86
Turning color	7	4	34	30
Winter wheat				
Planted	2	1	1	1

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.....	6.4	6.1	6.7	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	3	11	6
Short.....	17	15	26	24
Adequate	74	78	61	66
Surplus.....	4	4	2	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	2	3	17	9
Short.....	18	16	25	24
Adequate	77	77	56	66
Surplus.....	3	4	2	1

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	4	2	8	3
Poor.....	5	3	17	9
Fair.....	10	9	26	24
Good	60	70	41	52
Excellent	21	16	8	12
Barley				
Very poor	2	3	NA	NA
Poor.....	5	4	NA	NA
Fair.....	23	19	NA	NA
Good	50	52	NA	NA
Excellent	20	22	NA	NA
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	3	1
Poor.....	2	5	11	5
Fair.....	14	17	20	21
Good	59	62	57	60
Excellent	25	16	9	13
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	1	--	11	2
Poor.....	3	2	23	6
Fair.....	29	27	31	29
Good	58	70	30	55
Excellent	9	1	5	8
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	7	2
Poor.....	--	--	9	5
Fair.....	4	2	16	18
Good	95	98	62	62
Excellent	1	--	6	13
Pasture and range				
Very poor	2	1	26	7
Poor.....	4	3	24	15
Fair.....	20	17	23	26
Good	64	71	24	44
Excellent	10	8	3	8
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	3	5	1	5
Fair.....	30	33	8	16
Good	47	44	69	58
Excellent	20	18	22	20
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	2	--
Poor.....	2	2	3	1
Fair.....	17	16	13	10
Good	67	70	59	77
Excellent	14	12	23	12
Sorghum				
Very poor	1	1	4	3
Poor.....	3	2	14	9
Fair.....	24	21	26	29
Good	59	65	53	55
Excellent	13	11	3	4
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	1	3	2	2
Fair.....	11	7	33	16
Good	82	86	44	64
Excellent	6	4	20	17
Sunflowers				
Very poor	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	--	--	4	6
Fair.....	20	18	26	25
Good	66	69	64	60
Excellent	14	13	5	8
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	2	--
Poor.....	3	3	2	1
Fair.....	5	10	18	14
Good	78	74	68	74
Excellent	14	13	10	11

NA – not available

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