



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Hot, windy, and dry weather last week decreased soil moisture supplies but conditions were largely ideal for fieldwork, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. In northeastern counties, limited harvest was underway for a few spring crops including corn silage, onions, and proso millet. A reporter mentioned some producers were waiting to begin corn silage harvest due to slow development earlier in the summer. Rangeland conditions deteriorated in dry areas due to lack of moisture and hot weather. Concerns were also noted for non-irrigated crops that haven't received consistent moisture recently. East central county reporters noted limited winter wheat seeding began last week. Moisture received varied widely in the district; some areas received precipitation while others remained very dry. Western counties also remained hot and dry last week. According to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor report, moderate drought conditions spread in southwestern counties. In the San Luis Valley, barley harvest progressed significantly last week. Minimal moisture was received and temperatures were hot. A reporter also noted producers started harvesting seed potatoes. In southeastern counties, a reporter noted areas already short on moisture were suffering from the hot and dry weather. Crops and pasture in areas with sufficient moisture were still in good condition. Limited winter wheat seeding was noted. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 75 percent average and 25 percent light. Cattle death loss was 64 percent average and 36 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	51	41	64	60
4 th cutting harvested	10	6	3	NA
Barley				
Harvested	82	45	85	73
Corn				
Doughed.....	72	56	92	85
Dented.....	22	10	42	44
Mature.....	1	NA	2	2
Harvested for silage	10	8	31	15
Dry edible beans				
Cut	1	--	49	14
Onions				
Harvested	2	--	41	21
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	8	--	8	4
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	15	9	32	29
Proso Millet				
Harvested	2	NA	NA	NA
Sorghum				
Headed	93	89	94	91
Turning color	19	7	57	44
Mature.....	1	--	--	3
Winter wheat				
Planted	3	2	2	4

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.....	6.6	6.4	6.7	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	5	10	6
Short.....	24	17	29	27
Adequate	68	74	60	65
Surplus.....	4	4	1	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	2	13	9
Short.....	22	18	22	25
Adequate	70	77	63	65
Surplus.....	4	3	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	3	4	6	2
Poor.....	5	5	12	8
Fair.....	7	10	24	23
Good	76	60	50	55
Excellent	9	21	8	12
Barley				
Very poor	8	2	NA	NA
Poor.....	12	5	NA	NA
Fair.....	22	23	NA	NA
Good	47	50	NA	NA
Excellent	11	20	NA	NA
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	2	1
Poor.....	2	2	6	6
Fair.....	15	14	20	23
Good	64	59	66	58
Excellent	19	25	6	12
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	1	1	4	1
Poor.....	5	3	24	7
Fair.....	19	29	25	28
Good	63	58	38	55
Excellent	12	9	9	9
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	6	2
Poor.....	--	--	7	5
Fair.....	1	4	11	14
Good	98	95	71	66
Excellent	1	1	5	13
Pasture and range				
Very poor	3	2	22	7
Poor.....	5	4	26	16
Fair.....	18	20	20	24
Good	66	64	30	45
Excellent	8	10	2	8
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	3	3	5	6
Fair.....	30	30	11	16
Good	47	47	60	56
Excellent	20	20	24	21
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	2	--
Poor.....	2	2	3	1
Fair.....	16	17	13	10
Good	69	67	61	77
Excellent	13	14	21	12
Sorghum				
Very poor	1	1	4	2
Poor.....	3	3	6	8
Fair.....	14	24	26	30
Good	69	59	62	56
Excellent	13	13	2	4
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	1	1	3	3
Fair.....	10	11	25	14
Good	82	82	50	64
Excellent	7	6	21	18
Sunflowers				
Very poor	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	1	--	1	6
Fair.....	11	20	27	26
Good	76	66	67	60
Excellent	12	14	4	7
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	1	--
Poor.....	2	3	2	1
Fair.....	6	5	15	14
Good	82	78	75	75
Excellent	10	14	7	10

NA – not available

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