



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Record-high heat and dry conditions last week gave way to scattered moisture by week's end, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Northeastern county reporters noted harvest of some spring crops continued, but many producers were waiting for crops to reach maturity. A reporter mentioned corn maturity was behind average. Weekend rain in the district provided needed moisture for rangeland and dryland acreage. Reporters noted limited seeding of winter wheat began. Livestock producers also began pre-weaning activities in preparation for weaning calves in the fall. In east central counties, last week was hot and dry and many producers were waiting for moisture to begin seeding winter wheat in earnest. Some localities received moisture on Sunday evening. Western counties received isolated precipitation last week. According to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor report, abnormally dry conditions expanded in western counties and monsoonal moisture continued to disappoint. In the San Luis Valley, barley harvest was nearing completion and potato harvest moved forward as conditions allowed around weekend precipitation. Southeastern counties remained hot and dry last week although some localities received moisture on Sunday. Crops were in need of additional moisture and a reporter mentioned irrigation water in canals had slowed. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 3 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 1 percent heavy, 70 percent average, and 29 percent light. Cattle death loss was 65 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				
3 rd cutting harvested	61	51	73	68
4 th cutting harvested	18	10	12	8
Barley				
Harvested	93	82	91	86
Corn				
Doughed.....	90	72	95	93
Dented.....	44	22	68	63
Mature.....	2	1	7	7
Harvested for silage	15	10	52	31
Dry edible beans				
Cut	7	1	67	28
Harvested	3	--	33	NA
Onions				
Harvested	6	2	63	33
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	18	8	12	9
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	28	15	43	44
Proso Millet				
Harvested	23	2	NA	NA
Sorghum				
Headed	96	93	97	95
Turning color	31	19	73	58
Mature.....	2	1	8	8
Winter wheat				
Planted	4	3	6	10

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	6.6	6.0	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	4	10	7
Short	27	24	29	29
Adequate	67	68	59	61
Surplus.....	1	4	2	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	5	4	14	10
Short	22	22	24	27
Adequate	70	70	60	62
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	2	3	9	3
Poor.....	3	5	14	8
Fair.....	8	7	25	23
Good	77	76	44	54
Excellent	10	9	8	12
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	2	1
Poor.....	2	2	7	6
Fair.....	18	15	21	24
Good	65	64	63	57
Excellent	15	19	7	12
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	--	1	8	2
Poor.....	6	5	22	6
Fair.....	38	19	18	26
Good	51	63	48	57
Excellent	5	12	4	9
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	6	2
Poor.....	--	--	8	5
Fair.....	6	1	9	13
Good	92	98	72	67
Excellent	2	1	5	13
Pasture and range				
Very poor	2	3	22	7
Poor.....	4	5	23	15
Fair.....	22	18	22	25
Good	64	66	31	45
Excellent	8	8	2	8
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	10	3	4	6
Fair.....	30	30	15	17
Good	40	47	53	55
Excellent	20	20	28	21
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	2	5	1
Fair.....	18	16	6	9
Good	72	69	69	79
Excellent	9	13	20	11
Sorghum				
Very poor	1	1	4	2
Poor.....	2	3	7	7
Fair.....	23	14	26	29
Good	64	69	60	57
Excellent	10	13	3	5
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	1	2	2
Fair.....	12	10	31	16
Good	75	82	48	64
Excellent	13	7	19	18
Sunflowers				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	1	1	6
Fair.....	17	11	28	26
Good	69	76	67	59
Excellent	14	12	4	8
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	1	--
Poor.....	2	2	2	1
Fair.....	8	6	13	14
Good	78	82	77	75
Excellent	12	10	7	10

NA – not available

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