



# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 6, 2021

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Warmer weather helped fieldwork and crop emergence advance last week, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Several crops remained behind last year and the average. In northeastern counties, spring planting progressed or was completed as areas dried out. According to county reports, increased heat units promoted growth and development, particularly for winter wheat. Conditions were more favorable for alfalfa harvest last week. Livestock were notably doing well from improved summer pasture conditions. East central counties received isolated moisture and severe weather was observed last week. Considerable concerns remained regarding insect and disease pressure in winter wheat, but county reports noted warmer weather helped decrease chance of stripe rust in areas. Drought in southwestern counties continued to persist and extremely hot temperatures were observed. County reports noted more producers started cutting alfalfa last week in the district. In the San Luis Valley, light moisture was received and potato emergence picked up. Damage from prior frost continued to be noticed in the alfalfa crop. Feed supplies remained very short. In southeastern counties, good rains continued to support native pasture growth. Fieldwork was delayed due to wet conditions. Some wheat was starting to color in the district. Stored feed supplies were rated 38 percent very short, 38 percent short, and 24 percent adequate. Sheep death loss was 82 percent average and 18 percent light. Cattle death loss was 63 percent average and 37 percent light.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested.....	28	15	41	33
Corn				
Planted .....	90	84	98	94
Emerged.....	68	54	93	81
Dry edible beans				
Planted .....	48	23	52	33
Emerged.....	13	1	16	11
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Emerged.....	20	10	58	39
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Emerged.....	63	45	91	85
Proso millet				
Planted .....	24	10	74	NA
Sorghum				
Planted .....	33	26	54	46
Emerged.....	15	NA	19	16
Sugarbeets				
Emerged.....	96	83	90	NA
Sunflowers				
Planted.....	28	18	49	29
Winter wheat				
Headed.....	72	56	83	85
Turning color .....	5	2	9	10

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.....	5.7	3.9	6.6	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	--	23	10
Short.....	11	8	40	19
Adequate .....	73	80	37	66
Surplus.....	11	12	--	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	3	22	8
Short.....	25	23	34	17
Adequate .....	64	71	44	72
Surplus.....	2	3	--	3

NA – not available  
(--) – zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>				
Very poor .....	3	3	6	4
Poor.....	5	5	10	7
Fair.....	20	22	28	21
Good .....	58	55	48	55
Excellent .....	14	15	8	13
<b>Barley</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	10	5	1	1
Fair.....	39	30	28	21
Good .....	35	49	51	54
Excellent .....	16	16	20	24
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	3	1
Poor.....	6	4	9	4
Fair.....	20	18	36	20
Good .....	64	59	43	65
Excellent .....	10	19	9	10
<b>Onions</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	2	--
Poor.....	--	--	4	1
Fair.....	42	42	27	22
Good .....	53	53	62	69
Excellent .....	5	5	5	8
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor .....	--	1	23	9
Poor.....	17	18	16	10
Fair.....	43	53	29	21
Good .....	28	18	32	52
Excellent .....	12	10	--	8
<b>Potatoes outside San Luis Valley</b>				
Very poor .....	--	NA	2	--
Poor.....	1	NA	3	1
Fair.....	32	NA	21	13
Good .....	58	NA	62	69
Excellent .....	9	NA	12	17
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	2	1
Poor.....	--	1	6	2
Fair.....	33	30	28	23
Good .....	60	56	51	60
Excellent .....	7	13	13	14
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor .....	5	4	17	7
Poor.....	10	11	21	12
Fair.....	29	35	30	25
Good .....	50	41	30	44
Excellent .....	6	9	2	12
<b>Livestock</b>				
Very poor .....	3	3	1	--
Poor.....	5	5	5	3
Fair.....	14	21	22	15
Good .....	61	63	62	70
Excellent .....	17	8	10	12

NA – not available

(--) – zero