



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 20, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Record-high temperatures pushed fieldwork and crop advancement last week while depleting soil moisture supplies in areas, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Statewide, winter wheat turning color progressed quickly compared to the prior week. In northeastern and east central counties, irrigated crops benefitted from the hot weather and some localities received isolated moisture at the end of the week. Dry conditions also allowed alfalfa harvest to move quickly. Non-irrigated crops and rangeland were notably doing well, but concerns remained going forward if hot temperatures persist without significant moisture. In southwestern counties, extremely hot temperatures, high winds, and low humidity exacerbated fire danger and multiple wildfires were reported. County reports noted some isolated moisture was received and enough to delay producers who had hay on the ground. In the San Luis Valley, a dry week allowed the first cutting of alfalfa to move quickly. A county report noted potatoes were mostly in good condition, but emergence was still uneven in areas. Water was notably short in the district. Southeastern counties received moisture over the weekend and isolated hail was noted, but no damage was reported yet. Winter wheat was maturing quickly in the area. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 13 percent very short, 22 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 83 percent average and 17 percent light. Cattle death loss was 69 percent average and 31 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	79	51	73	71
2 nd cutting harvested.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Barley				
Headed	18	4	20	25
Corn				
Emerged.....	99	87	98	96
Dry edible beans				
Planted	92	72	90	76
Emerged.....	50	29	48	47
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Emerged.....	75	65	94	89
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Emerged.....	98	89	NA	NA
Proso millet				
Planted	81	50	95	NA
Sorghum				
Planted	89	70	84	86
Emerged.....	41	27	53	55
Sunflowers				
Planted.....	83	67	85	72
Winter wheat				
Headed.....	97	92	96	97
Turning color.....	47	15	59	60
Mature.....	6	1	15	13

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.....	6.5	6.8	6.3	6.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	6	25	10
Short.....	20	18	49	21
Adequate	75	74	26	65
Surplus.....	2	2	--	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	8	24	10
Short.....	26	27	46	21
Adequate	69	65	30	67
Surplus.....	1	--	--	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	3	3	10	5
Poor.....	5	6	12	9
Fair.....	21	24	28	22
Good	51	49	44	53
Excellent	20	18	6	11
Barley				
Very poor	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	12	11	9	3
Fair.....	44	41	31	23
Good	27	32	46	49
Excellent	17	16	13	24
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	4	1
Poor.....	3	2	15	6
Fair.....	19	17	47	24
Good	53	61	28	58
Excellent	25	20	6	11
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	2	1
Poor.....	7	--	3	2
Fair.....	42	42	26	14
Good	46	53	65	74
Excellent	5	5	4	9
Pasture and range				
Very poor	--	1	32	12
Poor.....	16	18	16	11
Fair.....	32	34	26	21
Good	35	31	26	47
Excellent	17	16	--	9
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	10	3	5	3
Fair.....	30	11	27	21
Good	45	66	49	55
Excellent	15	20	19	21
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	2	1
Poor.....	2	1	3	2
Fair.....	33	31	21	16
Good	55	59	62	64
Excellent	10	9	12	17
Sorghum				
Very poor	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	--	--	5	3
Fair.....	42	32	62	28
Good	49	57	28	63
Excellent	9	11	4	5
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	3	1
Poor.....	--	--	11	5
Fair.....	25	28	28	22
Good	58	64	48	59
Excellent	17	8	10	13
Winter wheat				
Very poor	4	8	14	5
Poor.....	9	11	23	13
Fair.....	27	26	34	29
Good	46	44	27	40
Excellent	14	11	2	13
Livestock				
Very poor	2	2	1	--
Poor.....	5	4	6	3
Fair.....	17	12	25	17
Good	63	64	60	69
Excellent	13	18	8	11

NA – not available

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