



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 27, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cooler temperatures and isolated moisture in areas ended an otherwise warm week, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. In northeastern and east central counties, warm weather pushed crop development and maturity. Producers were actively irrigating spring crops. Winter wheat maturity advanced but problems due to wheat stem sawfly infestations were noted. Pasture and rangeland remained in good condition. Southwestern counties received isolated precipitation last week which was heavy enough in areas to cause flash flooding. Drought conditions still persisted and fire activity was high. In the San Luis Valley, alfalfa harvest continued to progress quickly with some delays noted due to rain. Some shipments of first cutting alfalfa were shipped to areas where feed supplies are short. Barley and potatoes were doing well, but damage to both crops from prior hail was significant in areas. In southeastern counties, county reports noted limited winter wheat harvest began. The weather was hot and dry with very isolated moisture received. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 7 percent very short, 21 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 83 percent average and 17 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				
1 st cutting harvested.....	88	79	87	85
2 nd cutting harvested.....	3	1	5	NA
Barley				
Headed	62	18	56	54
Dry edible beans				
Planted	98	92	97	NA
Emerged.....	77	50	72	68
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Emerged.....	96	75	NA	NA
Proso millet				
Planted	92	81	NA	NA
Sorghum				
Planted	95	89	95	96
Emerged.....	69	41	74	76
Sunflowers				
Planted	92	83	93	86
Winter wheat				
Turning color.....	85	47	88	83
Mature	17	6	39	36
Harvested	1	--	14	7

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.....	5.8	6.5	6.6	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	3	28	11
Short	21	20	41	22
Adequate	72	75	31	63
Surplus.....	3	2	--	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	4	27	10
Short	26	26	43	22
Adequate	67	69	30	66
Surplus.....	3	1	--	2

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	3	3	5	4
Poor.....	6	5	9	7
Fair.....	22	21	27	22
Good.....	47	51	52	56
Excellent.....	22	20	7	11
Barley				
Very poor.....	3	--	--	--
Poor.....	11	12	5	2
Fair.....	36	44	24	23
Good.....	33	27	51	51
Excellent.....	17	17	20	24
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	4	1
Poor.....	1	3	14	6
Fair.....	13	19	39	21
Good.....	53	53	40	61
Excellent.....	33	25	3	11
Dry edible beans				
Very poor.....	--	NA	9	NA
Poor.....	9	NA	14	NA
Fair.....	37	NA	32	NA
Good.....	30	NA	37	NA
Excellent.....	24	NA	8	NA
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	--
Poor.....	7	7	4	1
Fair.....	42	42	27	18
Good.....	46	46	63	72
Excellent.....	5	5	4	9
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	--	21	9
Poor.....	14	16	18	12
Fair.....	33	32	33	24
Good.....	34	35	28	47
Excellent.....	18	17	--	8
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	10	10	3	3
Fair.....	24	30	18	20
Good.....	43	45	55	52
Excellent.....	23	15	24	25
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	--
Poor.....	2	2	3	2
Fair.....	33	33	21	13
Good.....	55	55	63	70
Excellent.....	10	10	11	15
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	2
Poor.....	--	--	5	4
Fair.....	48	42	53	29
Good.....	30	49	36	61
Excellent.....	22	9	3	4
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	1
Poor.....	--	--	9	4
Fair.....	25	25	25	21
Good.....	53	58	49	60
Excellent.....	22	17	14	14
Sunflowers				
Very poor.....	1	NA	3	NA
Poor.....	5	NA	12	NA
Fair.....	40	NA	41	NA
Good.....	48	NA	43	NA
Excellent.....	6	NA	1	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	4	18	6
Poor.....	12	9	21	13
Fair.....	27	27	31	28
Good.....	44	46	27	40
Excellent.....	15	14	3	13
Livestock				
Very poor.....	1	2	--	--
Poor.....	5	5	5	3
Fair.....	18	17	19	16
Good.....	62	63	69	70
Excellent.....	14	13	7	11

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