



# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 18, 2021

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** A mostly dry week allowed winter wheat harvest to move quickly throughout the state, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. In northwestern counties, exceptional drought conditions persisted according to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor report. Very isolated moisture benefited some localities short-term, but most saw little relief from drought. A county report noted producers were heavily culling cattle in response to drought and feed supplies remained short. Hay production was also less than normal on both irrigated and non-irrigated ground. In northeastern and east central counties, winter wheat harvest advanced rapidly. County reports noted yields were mixed in the district, with both above and below average yields observed depending on the area and local conditions. Second cutting of alfalfa also progressed last week. Spring crops were progressing well due to consistent moisture and hot weather. Rangeland remained in good condition and feed supplies were improving. Areas that did not receive moisture the past couple weeks were notably in need of rain. In southwestern counties, extreme temperatures decreased but remained warm. Monsoonal moisture brought isolated storms to some localities while others remained dry. Peach harvest also began. The San Luis Valley experienced hot temperatures and received isolated moisture last week. Rangeland was notably starting to dry up and in need of more moisture to continue supporting livestock through the grazing season. Potatoes damaged by hail continued to recover and barley was coloring. Second cutting of alfalfa also began. In southeastern counties, winter wheat harvest continued and in some areas was almost complete. Conditions remained dry and windy with a few isolated storms reported. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 14 percent very short, 23 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 82 percent average and 18 percent light. Cattle death loss was 56 percent average and 44 percent light.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested.....	40	28	43	46
Barley				
Headed .....	93	88	96	95
Turning color.....	33	14	24	33
Corn				
Silked .....	21	13	31	22
Dry edible beans				
Blooming .....	26	6	23	31
Winter wheat				
Mature .....	98	84	NA	NA
Harvested .....	61	19	89	74

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.....	6.7	6.5	6.6	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	14	15	34	15
Short.....	26	21	37	29
Adequate .....	59	63	29	53
Surplus.....	1	1	--	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	17	11	32	13
Short.....	30	28	42	29
Adequate .....	53	60	26	56
Surplus.....	--	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.....	7	4	6	4
Poor.....	15	6	9	9
Fair.....	20	20	25	22
Good.....	36	51	53	52
Excellent.....	22	19	7	13
Barley				
Very poor.....	5	6	--	1
Poor.....	9	10	1	2
Fair.....	29	31	22	23
Good.....	41	36	51	49
Excellent.....	16	17	26	25
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	9	5
Poor.....	4	3	14	9
Fair.....	18	20	36	24
Good.....	54	50	36	52
Excellent.....	24	27	5	10
Dry edible beans				
Very poor.....	--	--	17	7
Poor.....	12	11	20	13
Fair.....	38	31	33	25
Good.....	33	42	29	48
Excellent.....	17	16	1	7
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	1
Poor.....	9	9	5	2
Fair.....	40	40	30	21
Good.....	46	46	59	66
Excellent.....	5	5	4	10
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	5	2	24	11
Poor.....	14	15	24	15
Fair.....	31	31	32	27
Good.....	35	35	20	41
Excellent.....	15	17	--	6
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	2	2	--	--
Poor.....	13	13	--	2
Fair.....	25	25	7	17
Good.....	42	42	65	56
Excellent.....	18	18	28	25
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	1
Poor.....	1	2	4	2
Fair.....	32	33	20	14
Good.....	58	55	54	68
Excellent.....	9	10	20	15
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	--	--	8	6
Poor.....	--	--	21	10
Fair.....	21	20	48	35
Good.....	62	54	19	45
Excellent.....	17	26	4	4
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	1
Poor.....	--	--	13	4
Fair.....	25	25	27	19
Good.....	50	53	47	62
Excellent.....	25	22	10	14
Sunflowers				
Very poor.....	--	--	4	1
Poor.....	9	14	12	5
Fair.....	27	35	57	34
Good.....	60	45	25	56
Excellent.....	4	6	2	4
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	4	4	NA	NA
Poor.....	9	14	NA	NA
Fair.....	26	28	NA	NA
Good.....	50	43	NA	NA
Excellent.....	11	11	NA	NA
Livestock				
Very poor.....	1	1	2	1
Poor.....	5	5	8	4
Fair.....	18	19	22	17
Good.....	48	56	59	67
Excellent.....	28	19	9	11

NA – not available

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