



# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 1, 2021

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Winter wheat harvest was virtually complete by week's end, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. In northeastern counties, hot and dry weather was ideal for wheat harvest. Isolated moisture was received and was heavier on the west side of the district. Non-irrigated crops and pastures showed signs of stress from high temperatures and lack of moisture. Irrigated crops continued to progress well but irrigation activities were high amidst hot weather. County reports also noted livestock were stressed from extremely warm temperatures. In east central counties, some areas received beneficial moisture last week while other localities remained dry. Concerns were noted for non-irrigated crops and pastures going forward if consistent moisture isn't received. Southwestern counties benefited from monsoonal moisture last week and flash flooding was noted in areas. County reports noted precipitation continued to be spotty and irrigation water supplies remained a concern. In the San Luis Valley, received moisture benefitted area crops and rangeland. Barley continued to color and more producers began the second cutting of alfalfa. Southeastern counties also received moisture last week and county reports noted it was beneficial for irrigation water supplies. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 13 percent very short, 27 percent short, 47 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 84 percent average and 16 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				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested.....	67	57	73	74
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested.....	8	3	8	10
Barley				
Turning color.....	71	58	88	80
Harvested.....	2	1	2	5
Corn				
Silked.....	86	54	82	75
Doughed.....	15	3	15	8
Dented.....	4	NA	--	--
Dry edible beans				
Blooming.....	75	55	58	66
Sorghum				
Headed.....	48	14	25	36
Turning color.....	1	--	--	2
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	98	92	99	95

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.....	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	14	13	24	10
Short.....	30	29	40	26
Adequate.....	55	57	34	59
Surplus.....	1	1	2	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	16	21	29	13
Short.....	32	29	39	25
Adequate.....	52	50	31	58
Surplus.....	--	--	1	4

NA – not available  
(--) – zero

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

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>				
Very poor .....	9	8	10	5
Poor.....	13	18	16	10
Fair.....	26	21	21	20
Good .....	41	41	47	54
Excellent .....	11	12	6	11
<b>Barley</b>				
Very poor .....	5	6	--	1
Poor.....	11	10	1	3
Fair.....	33	30	26	21
Good .....	34	37	52	53
Excellent .....	17	17	21	22
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor .....	1	--	10	4
Poor.....	9	5	15	8
Fair.....	25	21	30	22
Good .....	50	55	40	57
Excellent .....	15	19	5	9
<b>Dry edible beans</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	3	2
Poor.....	13	12	23	11
Fair.....	37	38	38	28
Good .....	34	33	36	52
Excellent .....	16	17	--	7
<b>Onions</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	2	1
Poor.....	9	9	9	3
Fair.....	40	40	28	23
Good .....	46	46	57	65
Excellent .....	5	5	4	8
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor .....	2	6	16	11
Poor.....	10	13	25	14
Fair.....	32	27	35	25
Good .....	34	30	23	43
Excellent .....	22	24	1	7
<b>Potatoes inside San Luis Valley</b>				
Very poor .....	3	2	5	1
Poor.....	16	13	12	5
Fair.....	30	25	15	19
Good .....	40	42	50	53
Excellent .....	11	18	18	22
<b>Potatoes outside San Luis Valley</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	2	1
Poor.....	2	2	6	2
Fair.....	34	33	24	13
Good .....	55	55	57	71
Excellent .....	9	10	11	13
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	7	5
Poor.....	2	1	19	8
Fair.....	17	18	46	32
Good .....	71	71	25	49
Excellent .....	10	10	3	6
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	--	--	8	4
Fair.....	28	25	19	15
Good .....	56	50	63	66
Excellent .....	16	25	9	14
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	5	2
Poor.....	8	8	31	8
Fair.....	25	30	51	30
Good .....	62	56	13	54
Excellent .....	5	6	--	6
<b>Livestock</b>				
Very poor .....	1	1	3	2
Poor.....	6	3	5	3
Fair.....	12	15	34	17
Good .....	56	55	55	68
Excellent .....	25	26	3	10

NA – not available

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