



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 8, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Spring crops continued to progress close to average last week, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. In northwestern counties, monsoon moisture improved conditions but more is needed to provide long-term relief. Hay harvest continued. In northeastern counties, dry pockets emerged amidst very hot and dry weather. County reports indicated non-irrigated crops were stressed from dry conditions and yield expectations were decreasing. Concerns remained regarding pasture and range condition. County reports indicated producers were harvesting barley in the district. In east central counties, isolated moisture was received in some areas while others remained dry. County reports noted sorghum was just beginning to turn color. In southwestern counties, monsoon moisture continued to help area moisture supplies, but consistent moisture is still needed. In the San Luis Valley, the second cutting of alfalfa progressed more last week and barley was notably coloring well. County reports noted some lodging was observed. Received moisture proved beneficial to area pasture and range. In southeastern counties, isolated moisture was reported and was very heavy in areas. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 7 percent very short, 23 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 80 percent average and 20 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				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	74	67	89	85
3 rd cutting harvested.....	12	8	12	19
Barley				
Turning color.....	89	71	92	91
Harvested.....	7	2	4	10
Corn				
Silked.....	95	86	93	89
Doughed.....	32	15	33	21
Dented.....	10	4	4	2
Dry edible beans				
Blooming.....	88	75	79	80
Sorghum				
Headed.....	77	48	44	58
Turning color.....	3	1	--	5

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.....	6.4	6.6	6.8	5.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	13	14	34	11
Short.....	37	30	38	24
Adequate.....	49	55	27	61
Surplus.....	1	1	1	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	23	16	36	12
Short.....	34	32	36	22
Adequate.....	43	52	28	63
Surplus.....	--	--	--	3

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	12	9	9	5
Poor.....	20	13	14	10
Fair.....	19	26	26	21
Good	38	41	45	53
Excellent	11	11	6	11
Barley				
Very poor	--	5	--	1
Poor.....	14	11	--	2
Fair.....	42	33	27	24
Good	26	34	54	51
Excellent	18	17	19	22
Corn				
Very poor	2	1	16	4
Poor.....	13	9	21	9
Fair.....	24	25	23	20
Good	42	50	32	55
Excellent	19	15	8	12
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	--	--	3	3
Poor.....	16	13	23	11
Fair.....	32	37	44	28
Good	43	34	30	53
Excellent	9	16	--	5
Onions				
Very poor	2	--	2	1
Poor.....	11	9	9	4
Fair.....	38	40	28	22
Good	43	46	57	66
Excellent	6	5	4	7
Pasture and range				
Very poor	5	2	17	10
Poor.....	17	10	26	14
Fair.....	30	32	34	24
Good	25	34	22	46
Excellent	23	22	1	6
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	5	3	3	1
Poor.....	20	16	9	5
Fair.....	35	30	16	19
Good	35	40	51	53
Excellent	5	11	21	22
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	2	1
Poor.....	2	2	6	2
Fair.....	34	34	25	12
Good	55	55	56	71
Excellent	9	9	11	14
Sorghum				
Very poor	2	--	10	4
Poor.....	3	2	28	10
Fair.....	15	17	36	25
Good	65	71	21	54
Excellent	15	10	5	7
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	3	1
Poor.....	--	--	8	4
Fair.....	25	28	17	14
Good	50	56	65	68
Excellent	25	16	7	13
Sunflowers				
Very poor	--	--	5	1
Poor.....	8	8	29	8
Fair.....	29	25	53	27
Good	58	62	12	57
Excellent	5	5	1	7
Livestock				
Very poor	1	1	5	1
Poor.....	5	6	10	4
Fair.....	12	12	36	18
Good	63	56	46	68
Excellent	19	25	3	9

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