



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Fieldwork and harvest activities continued around precipitation events last week, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. In northeastern counties, temperatures remained hot although isolated thunderstorms produced beneficial moisture. Concerns remained for non-irrigated crops and rangeland subject to hot weather without consistent moisture. Proso millet harvest was fully underway in the district and producers were preparing for harvest of other spring crops. Planting preparations for winter wheat continued. East central counties received good moisture in areas last week. Harvest of several crops progressed quickly last week and county reports noted producers were actively drilling winter wheat. Very limited reports of sugarbeets harvested were received. Damaging winds were reported near Burlington. A report from Kiowa county noted crops were in mostly good condition, but some grain sorghum failed to head out due to hot and dry weather. In southwestern counties, moisture was received across several areas and temperatures were moderate. The San Luis Valley remained dry last week and barley harvest was nearly complete in areas. A few reports of potatoes harvested were noted, but most producers were still waiting to start. Rangeland was very dry in the area and producers were beginning to bring stock off summer grazing. Southeastern counties received good moisture last week, benefitting crops as they continue to mature. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 14 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 83 percent average and 17 percent light. Cattle death loss was 70 percent average and 30 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
3 rd cutting harvested	67	59	63	65
4 th cutting harvested	8	1	10	8
Barley				
Harvested	90	80	93	85
Corn				
Doughed	95	88	94	89
Dented	42	27	59	50
Mature	10	3	9	5
Harvested for silage	17	5	25	23
Dry edible beans				
Cut	10	--	15	21
Harvested	1	NA	2	NA
Onions				
Harvested	22	5	14	24
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	3	1	9	9
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	29	11	28	30
Proso millet				
Harvested	46	13	28	NA
Sorghum				
Turning color	76	49	54	52
Mature	21	--	14	5
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	5	NA	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Planted	22	12	15	7
Emerged	4	NA	--	--

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.....	6.4	6.7	6.9	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	17	15	44	14
Short.....	36	40	36	29
Adequate	47	45	20	56
Surplus.....	--	--	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	21	19	41	14
Short.....	32	36	40	27
Adequate	47	45	19	57
Surplus.....	--	--	--	2

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	8	9	7	4
Poor.....	12	16	10	8
Fair.....	24	21	24	19
Good	50	48	51	59
Excellent	6	6	8	10
Corn				
Very poor	1	3	21	5
Poor.....	13	12	18	8
Fair.....	25	25	25	23
Good	47	47	32	54
Excellent	14	13	4	10
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	--	--	3	2
Poor.....	12	14	25	12
Fair.....	37	33	42	27
Good	34	42	29	54
Excellent	17	11	1	5
Onions				
Very poor	2	2	3	2
Poor.....	11	11	6	5
Fair.....	38	38	24	13
Good	43	43	62	72
Excellent	6	6	5	8
Pasture and range				
Very poor	9	17	25	11
Poor.....	19	19	32	15
Fair.....	28	23	32	26
Good	34	29	11	42
Excellent	10	12	--	6
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	3	2	5	1
Poor.....	16	13	15	8
Fair.....	22	23	24	20
Good	50	44	41	51
Excellent	9	18	15	20
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	2	6	2
Fair.....	34	34	20	12
Good	56	54	59	74
Excellent	9	10	15	12
Sorghum				
Very poor	3	2	19	5
Poor.....	11	5	23	8
Fair.....	22	22	43	26
Good	51	60	13	54
Excellent	13	11	2	7
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	3	1
Poor.....	--	--	8	3
Fair.....	28	28	25	18
Good	58	56	55	64
Excellent	14	16	9	14
Sunflowers				
Very poor	1	1	8	2
Poor.....	7	12	33	8
Fair.....	27	34	42	25
Good	62	47	16	59
Excellent	3	6	1	6
Livestock				
Very poor	1	1	2	1
Poor.....	5	5	5	2
Fair.....	9	17	30	15
Good	70	55	54	73
Excellent	15	22	9	9

NA – not available

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