



# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 12, 2022

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Alfalfa hay harvest, crop emergence, and planting of late spring crops made quick gains last week amidst hot and dry weather, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 84 percent of the State is under drought conditions, down 4 percentage points from last week. Forty-three percent of the State is experiencing severe to exceptional drought conditions, down 14 percentage points from last week, a significant improvement. Extreme drought conditions are affecting 12 percent of the State, down 3 percentage points from last week, and 1 percent of the State is facing exceptional drought conditions. Northeastern and east central counties received minimal moisture last week. Warmer than average temperatures were recognized, and windy conditions persisted across much of the area. In Southwestern counties, dry conditions continued as no measurable moisture was received. A reporter noted that crops are progressing despite unfavorable conditions and first cutting of alfalfa is almost complete. In the San Luis Valley, warm temperatures improved plant growth, but soil moisture remains low. Potato emergence made significant progress last week with warm, dry weather and overall, the crop is developing well. County reports noted livestock are in good condition and rangeland conditions improved slightly from recent rain but will dry out quickly without more moisture. The southeastern counties received some notable moisture last week, improving drought conditions in the region. Exceptional drought conditions continued to lessen in Baca County, while Bent and Prowers County saw noteworthy improvement from a few inches of recent rain last week. As of June 12, 2022, snowpack in Colorado was 58 percent measured as percent of median snowfall, down 29 percentage points from the previous week. The Southwest and San Luis Valley measured at 17 percent and 16 percent of median snowfall, respectively. Stored feed supplies were rated 6 percent very short, 22 percent short, and 72 percent adequate. Sheep death loss was 75 percent average and 25 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 87 percent average, and 12 percent light.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested .....	32	15	48	48
Barley				
Headed.....	2	--	3	7
Corn				
Emerged.....	84	70	84	88
Dry edible beans				
Planted .....	40	20	69	54
Emerged.....	10	--	27	23
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Emerged.....	64	26	59	66
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Emerged.....	85	60	85	90
Proso millet				
Planted .....	43	24	46	NA
Sorghum				
Planted .....	53	31	65	63
Emerged.....	12	2	25	31
Sugarbeets				
Emerged.....	98	85	NA	NA
Sunflowers				
Planted .....	47	25	61	51
Winter wheat				
Headed.....	90	78	89	91
Turning color .....	18	5	14	22

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.....	5.9	5.7	6.8	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	21	32	6	11
Short.....	34	25	18	27
Adequate .....	45	43	74	61
Surplus .....	--	--	2	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	37	48	8	9
Short.....	39	31	27	25
Adequate .....	24	21	65	65
Surplus .....	--	--	--	1

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.....	7	7	3	5
Poor.....	6	7	6	10
Fair.....	36	42	24	23
Good.....	48	41	49	50
Excellent.....	3	3	18	12
<b>Barley</b>				
Very poor.....	3	3	--	--
Poor.....	7	6	11	5
Fair.....	31	30	41	26
Good.....	41	43	32	46
Excellent.....	18	18	16	23
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	2	2	--	--
Poor.....	9	10	2	4
Fair.....	40	46	17	26
Good.....	40	36	61	59
Excellent.....	9	6	20	11
<b>Onions</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	--	1
Fair.....	30	25	42	23
Good.....	60	65	53	70
Excellent.....	8	8	5	6
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	23	25	1	10
Poor.....	24	25	18	13
Fair.....	21	24	34	24
Good.....	30	25	31	44
Excellent.....	2	1	16	9
<b>Potatoes inside the San Luis Valley</b>				
Very poor.....	2	NA	--	NA
Poor.....	6	NA	3	NA
Fair.....	21	NA	11	NA
Good.....	53	NA	66	NA
Excellent.....	18	NA	20	NA
<b>Potatoes inside the San Luis Valley</b>				
Very poor.....	1	NA	--	--
Poor.....	1	NA	1	1
Fair.....	15	NA	31	20
Good.....	70	NA	59	66
Excellent.....	13	NA	9	13
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Very poor.....	--	5	--	NA
Poor.....	1	7	--	NA
Fair.....	40	19	32	NA
Good.....	59	62	57	NA
Excellent.....	--	7	11	NA
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	--	3
Fair.....	36	36	28	26
Good.....	43	43	64	58
Excellent.....	21	21	8	12
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	28	31	8	8
Poor.....	22	24	11	13
Fair.....	29	26	26	27
Good.....	20	19	44	41
Excellent.....	1	--	11	11
<b>Livestock</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	2	1
Poor.....	8	10	4	3
Fair.....	24	25	12	16
Good.....	59	51	64	66
Excellent.....	8	13	18	14

NA – not available

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