



# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 16, 2024

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Scattered moisture and above average temperatures were experienced across the State, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for June 13, drought conditions were present across almost 14 percent of the State. Abnormally dry conditions accounted for almost 24 percent of the State. Moderate drought conditions extended further into Bent, Otero, and Prowers Counties. Conditions in the southwestern portion of the State worsened, with Dolores, La Plata, and Montezuma Counties now completely under moderate drought conditions. Severe drought conditions in Baca and Prowers Counties improved minimally, with less than 1 percent of the State rated in the category. Reporters in northwestern counties noted pastures were in good condition, and producers were close to starting haying season. Many areas within northeast received at least half an inch of moisture, with areas of Phillips, Washington, Weld and Yuma Counties getting more than 2 inches. Reports of hail damage from eastern counties on crops and rangeland were received, although the extent of the damage is yet to be determined. Moisture in southeastern counties was scattered last week, with isolated areas having received up to two inches of moisture. The winter wheat crop in the eastern half of the State was stressed due to lack of consistent moisture, but disease was not a major concern according to reports. The San Luis Valley had areas that received up to an inch of moisture, but most of the district remained dry. Potato emergence slowed in the area. Range and pastures were in good condition, and livestock were doing well. Southwestern counties remained primarily dry last week. Reporters noted flow in the rivers was high, and the rapid melt has created concern for irrigation availability later in the season.

Alfalfa harvest progress slowed last week, with 43 percent of the crop harvested by week's end, behind the 5-year average of 53 percent. Heading of the barley crop progressed significantly last week, with 15 percent of the crop headed by weeks end. Emergence of the corn crop is nearing the end, with 83 percent of the acres reported as emerged. Dry edible bean planting continued behind the average, with 62 percent of the crop planted and 35 percent emerged. Potato emergence across the State lagged the average, with 61 percent of acres in the San Luis Valley and 67 percent of acres across the rest of the State emerged. Planting of the proso millet crop continued behind the average of 67 percent, with 56 percent of the crop planted. The sunflower crop was reported as 56 percent planted, significantly behind the previous year and the 5-year average of 68 percent. The winter wheat crop was 92 percent headed by weeks end, ahead of the previous year, and equal to the 5-year average. Forty-one percent of the winter wheat crop had colored, significantly ahead of the previous year of 20 percent and the 5-year average of 29 percent. Stored feed supplies were reported as 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Cattle death loss was reported as 1 percent heavy, 45 percent average, and 54 percent light. Sheep death loss was reported as 3 percent heavy, 80 percent average, and 17 percent light.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested .....	43	35	38	53
Barley				
Headed.....	15	1	3	8
Corn				
Emerged.....	83	64	80	89
Dry edible beans				
Planted .....	62	42	75	66
Emerged.....	35	15	44	31
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Emerged.....	61	52	35	67
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Emerged.....	67	47	72	90
Proso millet				
Planted .....	56	42	51	67
Sorghum				
Planted .....	66	49	55	70
Emerged.....	30	15	32	34
Sunflowers				
Planted .....	56	42	68	68
Winter wheat				
Headed.....	92	77	88	92
Coloring.....	41	22	20	29
Mature .....	4	--	2	2

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.....	6.5	6.3	4.8	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	12	2	3	13
Short.....	21	24	8	26
Adequate .....	57	66	75	57
Surplus .....	10	8	14	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	12	3	4	14
Short.....	21	27	18	29
Adequate .....	56	63	67	54
Surplus .....	11	7	11	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)
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	2	4
Poor .....	8	3	5	7
Fair.....	20	11	20	24
Good .....	58	64	60	52
Excellent.....	13	21	13	13
<b>Barley</b>				
Very poor.....	2	1	--	1
Poor .....	3	4	--	6
Fair.....	18	16	7	25
Good .....	56	59	38	40
Excellent.....	21	20	55	28
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	2	3	--	1
Poor .....	8	5	3	7
Fair.....	30	22	19	29
Good .....	54	63	62	48
Excellent.....	6	7	16	15
<b>Onion</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor .....	5	2	--	2
Fair.....	50	40	40	29
Good .....	20	25	20	55
Excellent.....	25	33	40	13
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	5	1	2	12
Poor .....	17	12	6	13
Fair.....	28	30	32	25
Good .....	43	53	45	40
Excellent.....	7	4	15	10
<b>Potatoes inside San Luis Valley</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor .....	5	5	NA	NA
Fair.....	25	25	NA	NA
Good .....	55	55	NA	NA
Excellent.....	15	15	NA	NA
<b>Potatoes outside the San Luis Valley</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor .....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	15	15	--	18
Good .....	85	85	100	72
Excellent.....	--	--	--	8
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	1
Poor .....	3	5	--	3
Fair.....	35	25	16	38
Good .....	59	60	79	53
Excellent.....	3	9	5	5
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Very poor.....	2	1	--	1
Poor .....	3	1	--	2
Fair.....	18	12	43	34
Good .....	73	83	50	48
Excellent.....	4	3	7	15
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	15	7	8	11
Poor .....	23	16	13	15
Fair.....	27	32	32	28
Good .....	33	42	38	36
Excellent.....	2	3	9	10
<b>Livestock</b>				
Very poor.....	1	--	1	1
Poor .....	2	2	6	6
Fair.....	15	6	29	23
Good .....	72	85	51	59
Excellent.....	10	7	13	11

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