



# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 7, 2024

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Below average temperatures and rainstorms were prevalent across the State last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for July 2, drought conditions were present across more than 4 percent of the State, down from 11 percent last week. Abnormally dry conditions were spread over 28 percent of the State. Drought conditions in southwestern counties improved immensely, with most of the district relieved from drought conditions. Conditions in northern and metro counties worsened with more area under moderate drought conditions. Northeastern counties received scattered moisture, with areas of Kit Carson, Lincoln, and Sedgwick Counties having received upwards of three inches last week. Reports noted that crops in far eastern counties were stressed and in need of moisture. Grasshoppers were prevalent. Winter wheat harvest activity picked up early last week, but was hindered by rainstorms. In southeastern counties, precipitation was bountiful last week. Several areas received upwards of three inches of moisture, while an isolated area of Prowers County received at least five inches of moisture. Reports noted winter wheat harvest is wrapping up in southeastern counties, and continued to show variable yields across the State. In southwestern counties, moisture was minimal last week. In the San Luis Valley, reporters noted several fields of first cutting alfalfa was finally baled last week after having been rained on several times. Growth of the potato crop has progressed well, and barley was heading quickly according to reporters. Area livestock remained in good condition.

Alfalfa harvest progressed last week, with 87 percent of first cutting harvested by week's end, and 11 percent of second cutting completed. The barley crop continued to progress ahead of average with 86 percent of the crop headed and 11 percent colored, both ahead of the previous year and 5-year average. Dry edible bean planting is virtually complete, with 98 percent of the crop planted and 85 percent emerged. Planting of the proso millet crop has neared the end, with 97 percent of the crop planted, ahead of the previous year at 81 percent and the 5-year average of 94 percent. Emergence of the sorghum crop progress behind the average, while heading of the crop was ahead of normal at 11 percent. Eighty-eight percent of the winter wheat crop was mature by weeks end, significantly ahead of the previous year of 49 percent and the 5-year average of 62 percent. Winter wheat harvested, at 51 percent, was outstandingly ahead of last year and the 5-year average. Stored feed supplies were reported as 3 percent very short, 16 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Cattle death loss was reported as 1 percent heavy, 39 percent average and 60 percent light. Sheep death loss was reported as 2 percent heavy, 81 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 .....	87	76	83	92
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested.....	11	1	4	14
Barley				
Headed.....	86	74	63	75
Coloring.....	11	3	9	8
Corn				
Silked .....	3	--	--	3
Dry edible beans				
Planted .....	98	91	NA	NA
Emerged.....	85	77	88	89
Proso millet				
Planted .....	97	91	81	94
Sorghum				
Planted .....	99	94	96	97
Emerged.....	81	71	82	91
Headed.....	11	2	--	--
Winter wheat				
Mature .....	88	66	49	62
Harvested.....	51	23	1	18

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.....	6.0	5.9	4.8	5.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	19	17	2	17
Short.....	33	29	6	23
Adequate .....	43	44	78	56
Surplus .....	5	10	14	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	17	14	3	16
Short.....	25	17	8	27
Adequate .....	53	54	78	54
Surplus .....	5	15	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.....	4	3	4	5
Poor .....	9	7	6	7
Fair.....	28	25	22	23
Good .....	53	60	56	53
Excellent.....	6	5	12	12
<b>Barley</b>				
Very poor.....	3	1	1	3
Poor .....	5	4	1	8
Fair.....	29	32	14	26
Good .....	45	45	56	46
Excellent.....	18	18	28	17
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	6	3	2	3
Poor .....	11	9	10	7
Fair.....	27	33	13	25
Good .....	48	45	60	49
Excellent.....	8	10	15	16
<b>Dry edible beans</b>				
Very poor.....	2	1	2	7
Poor .....	5	8	3	11
Fair.....	20	19	8	23
Good .....	69	69	82	49
Excellent.....	4	3	5	10
<b>Onions</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor .....	3	5	--	3
Fair.....	41	50	37	29
Good .....	31	20	26	55
Excellent.....	25	25	37	12
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	7	5	1	10
Poor .....	23	33	3	13
Fair.....	24	20	28	27
Good .....	40	38	49	38
Excellent.....	6	4	19	12
<b>Potatoes inside San Luis Valley</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor .....	5	5	6	8
Fair.....	13	16	21	23
Good .....	57	58	46	47
Excellent.....	25	21	27	21
<b>Potatoes outside the San Luis Valley</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor .....	--	--	--	2
Fair.....	11	15	--	19
Good .....	89	85	100	70
Excellent.....	--	--	--	9
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Very poor.....	5	--	--	1
Poor .....	18	14	8	7
Fair.....	29	39	10	30
Good .....	45	46	73	50
Excellent.....	3	1	9	12
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Very poor.....	4	2	--	1
Poor .....	6	3	5	4
Fair.....	28	28	35	31
Good .....	57	65	45	45
Excellent.....	5	2	15	19
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	1
Poor .....	11	1	1	6
Fair.....	54	63	3	34
Good .....	31	33	86	53
Excellent.....	3	2	10	6
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	7	10	2	11
Poor .....	12	15	12	16
Fair.....	28	35	27	27
Good .....	45	32	48	35
Excellent.....	8	8	11	11
<b>Livestock</b>				
Very poor.....	2	1	1	1
Poor .....	5	3	2	4
Fair.....	19	15	22	19
Good .....	61	69	58	61
Excellent.....	13	12	17	15

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