



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 24, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Hot and dry conditions last week continued to advance small grains maturity and winter wheat harvest, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. There were several isolated severe weather events across the state. A few northeastern counties saw noteworthy moisture, but reporter comments indicate that hot and windy weather still prevailed across the state in advancing crop maturity and decreasing soil moisture. Southeastern counties received isolated reports of damaging weather with hail later in the week. If heat continues, dryland crops and pasture will rapidly show more signs of heat-stress. Winter wheat harvest and the second cutting of alfalfa were still ahead of the average by week's end. Stored feed supplies were rated 3 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 21 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 8 percent heavy, 68 percent average, and 24 percent light. Cattle death loss was 81 percent average and 19 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
2 nd cutting.....	69	50	47	57
3 rd cutting.....	1	--	--	4
Barley				
Turning color.....	57	35	48	47
Harvested.....	1	NA	4	7
Corn				
Silked.....	28	16	38	38
Dry beans				
Flowered.....	64	33	36	43
Sorghum				
Headed.....	24	6	6	16
Spring wheat				
Headed.....	98	94	99	98
Turning Color.....	45	39	51	46
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	90	70	81	85

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.3	6.4	6.0	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	3	2	21
Short.....	21	18	16	34
Adequate.....	68	71	77	43
Surplus.....	8	8	5	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	3	3	3	29
Short.....	18	14	18	31
Adequate.....	75	79	76	39
Surplus.....	4	4	3	1

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	7
Poor	2	2	4	12
Fair	13	13	28	29
Good.....	65	65	54	41
Excellent.....	20	20	14	11
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor	--	--	--	3
Fair	13	13	15	26
Good.....	51	51	57	53
Excellent.....	36	36	28	17
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	8
Poor	2	2	1	9
Fair	18	14	20	26
Good.....	64	65	66	48
Excellent.....	15	18	13	9
Dry beans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor	2	1	--	6
Fair	23	24	25	48
Good.....	66	65	70	41
Excellent.....	9	10	5	3
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor	1	1	1	6
Fair	9	9	10	27
Good.....	77	77	71	55
Excellent.....	13	13	18	10
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	1
Poor	2	2	8	3
Fair	4	4	19	21
Good.....	75	75	55	62
Excellent.....	19	19	15	13
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	3	3	1	21
Poor	5	5	12	23
Fair	24	22	23	22
Good.....	57	58	50	27
Excellent.....	11	12	14	7
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	--	4	NA
Fair	16	15	17	NA
Good.....	63	63	54	NA
Excellent.....	21	22	25	NA
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	--	--	NA
Fair	5	5	5	NA
Good.....	82	76	77	NA
Excellent.....	13	19	18	NA
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	8
Poor	1	--	3	17
Fair	35	34	24	38
Good.....	59	62	70	35
Excellent.....	5	4	3	2
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	5
Poor	--	--	--	11
Fair	8	8	40	37
Good.....	84	84	54	42
Excellent.....	8	8	6	5
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	1
Poor	2	2	1	3
Fair	14	14	9	18
Good.....	72	71	67	60
Excellent.....	12	12	23	18
Sunflowers				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	5
Poor	1	1	2	14
Fair	28	29	24	32
Good.....	63	63	50	41
Excellent.....	8	7	24	8

NA – not available

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