



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 18, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Very warm and dry conditions accelerated crop development this past week and allowed field work to progress rapidly, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Planting activities are at or approaching completion for the majority of spring crops. Minimal precipitation was received across the state; a few northern counties experienced severe weather with isolated hail earlier in the week. A reporter noted in a few northwestern counties freezing temperatures damaged the alfalfa crop mid-week. Winter wheat was starting to mature, ahead of last year and right at the average, with 41 percent rated good to excellent statewide, compared with 67 percent good to excellent last year. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 3 percent heavy, 68 percent average, and 29 percent light. Cattle death loss was 7 percent heavy, 68 percent average, and 25 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
1 st cutting	60	39	73	65
Barley				
Emerged	93	91	100	100
Headed	22	6	14	22
Corn				
Emerged	96	89	99	97
Dry Beans				
Planted	80	49	83	76
Emerged	50	25	53	46
Onions				
Planted	95	91	100	100
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Planted	97	94	100	100
Emerged	80	52	89	85
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Emerged	97	90	98	97
Sorghum				
Planted	85	47	85	78
Emerged	54	25	50	38
Spring wheat				
Planted	95	92	100	100
Emerged	86	83	99	99
Headed	19	7	19	33
Sunflowers				
Planted	67	29	64	59
Winter wheat				
Turning color	64	17	57	54
Mature	13	--	6	13

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	6.6	5.8	6.4	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	1	2	24
Short	14	8	13	24
Adequate	82	80	79	48
Surplus	2	11	6	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	1	1	3	24
Short	11	7	12	27
Adequate	86	89	81	47
Surplus	2	3	4	2

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	1	--	--	5
Poor.....	8	7	2	8
Fair.....	28	27	12	28
Good	53	58	68	48
Excellent	10	8	18	11
Barley				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	20	18	14	25
Good	54	62	50	54
Excellent	26	20	36	19
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	4
Poor.....	3	1	1	5
Fair.....	14	6	19	26
Good	71	84	63	52
Excellent	12	9	17	13
Dry Beans				
Very poor	--	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	27	NA	NA	NA
Good	66	NA	NA	NA
Excellent	7	NA	NA	NA
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	--	1	1	4
Fair.....	11	9	10	21
Good	72	71	78	65
Excellent	17	19	11	8
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	2	5
Fair.....	31	38	4	15
Good	59	59	76	66
Excellent	10	3	18	13
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	--	--	3	16
Poor.....	2	1	5	22
Fair.....	20	14	18	23
Good	65	68	62	33
Excellent	13	17	12	6
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	5	3	6	NA
Good	81	84	71	NA
Excellent	14	13	23	NA
Sorghum				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	1	1	--	6
Fair.....	14	21	22	35
Good	79	73	74	55
Excellent	6	5	7	2
Spring Wheat				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	--	--	--	4
Fair.....	25	26	8	32
Good	72	71	83	58
Excellent	3	3	9	4
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	1	--
Poor.....	--	--	2	3
Fair.....	11	16	15	21
Good	72	69	71	61
Excellent	17	15	11	15
Winter Wheat				
Very poor	6	7	1	16
Poor.....	14	13	9	18
Fair.....	39	32	23	27
Good	31	33	53	32
Excellent	10	15	14	7

NA – not available

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