



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 25, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Record high temperatures along with windy conditions observed across the state this past week led to a decline in soil moisture conditions, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Cooler weather late in the week with isolated precipitation helped mitigate heat in eastern counties. Crops sustained significant growth and development this past week, while the dry weather allowed producers to focus on cutting hay and finishing up planting activities. Southeastern counties reported localized severe weather with high winds, damaging hail, and tornadic activity. A reporter noted in Moffat and Routt counties that alfalfa freeze-damaged two weeks ago was reported by producers to have sustained heavy losses. Barley in the San Luis Valley was also reported to show some previous freeze damage. Livestock and pasture conditions are reportedly in good shape, although those areas that did not see as much moisture this spring are more distressed with recent dry weather. Development of winter wheat was ahead of last year and the average, with harvest just beginning in a few eastern and southeastern counties. Winter wheat condition was rated 46 percent good to excellent statewide, compared with 67 percent good to excellent last year. Stored feed supplies were rated 5 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 4 percent heavy, 64 percent average, and 32 percent light. Cattle death loss was 74 percent average and 26 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity | Current week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | Previous year (percent) | 5-year average (percent) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Alfalfa | | | | |
| 1 st cutting | 81 | 60 | 85 | 80 |
| 2 nd cutting..... | 2 | NA | 6 | 6 |
| Barley | | | | |
| Emerged..... | 96 | 93 | 100 | 100 |
| Headed..... | 53 | 22 | 45 | 44 |
| Turning color..... | 1 | NA | 3 | 2 |
| Dry Beans | | | | |
| Planted..... | 95 | 80 | 96 | 89 |
| Emerged..... | 76 | 50 | 72 | 70 |
| Potatoes inside San Luis Valley | | | | |
| Emerged..... | 91 | 80 | 99 | 97 |
| Sorghum | | | | |
| Planted..... | 96 | 85 | 95 | 92 |
| Emerged..... | 70 | 54 | 75 | 59 |
| Spring wheat | | | | |
| Emerged..... | 95 | 86 | 100 | 100 |
| Headed..... | 40 | 19 | 31 | 47 |
| Sunflowers | | | | |
| Planted..... | 84 | 67 | 79 | 78 |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Turning color..... | 87 | 64 | 82 | 76 |
| Mature..... | 40 | 13 | 28 | 32 |
| Harvested..... | 1 | -- | 2 | 12 |

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 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.5 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 3 | 2 | 2 | 26 |
| Short..... | 15 | 14 | 15 | 26 |
| Adequate | 78 | 82 | 78 | 45 |
| Surplus | 4 | 2 | 5 | 3 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short..... | 3 | 1 | 3 | 28 |
| Short..... | 13 | 11 | 11 | 25 |
| Adequate | 81 | 86 | 82 | 45 |
| Surplus | 3 | 2 | 4 | 2 |

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

| | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|---|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Alfalfa | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 2 | 1 | -- | 8 |
| Poor..... | 8 | 8 | 2 | 11 |
| Fair..... | 29 | 28 | 12 | 26 |
| Good..... | 50 | 53 | 68 | 44 |
| Excellent..... | 11 | 10 | 18 | 11 |
| Barley | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Poor..... | -- | -- | -- | 2 |
| Fair..... | 19 | 20 | 14 | 24 |
| Good..... | 57 | 54 | 51 | 54 |
| Excellent..... | 24 | 26 | 35 | 20 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | 6 |
| Poor..... | 6 | 3 | 1 | 8 |
| Fair..... | 11 | 14 | 19 | 26 |
| Good..... | 68 | 71 | 61 | 48 |
| Excellent..... | 15 | 12 | 19 | 12 |
| Dry Beans | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | 2 |
| Poor..... | -- | -- | 1 | 4 |
| Fair..... | 24 | 27 | 36 | 44 |
| Good..... | 68 | 66 | 45 | 45 |
| Excellent..... | 8 | 7 | 18 | 5 |
| Livestock | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | 2 |
| Poor..... | -- | -- | 1 | 6 |
| Fair..... | 11 | 11 | 10 | 22 |
| Good..... | 74 | 72 | 78 | 62 |
| Excellent..... | 15 | 17 | 11 | 8 |
| Onions | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | 1 |
| Poor..... | -- | -- | 2 | 6 |
| Fair..... | 17 | 31 | 4 | 19 |
| Good..... | 67 | 59 | 76 | 63 |
| Excellent..... | 16 | 10 | 18 | 11 |
| Pasture and Range | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | 3 | 20 |
| Poor..... | 3 | 2 | 5 | 21 |
| Fair..... | 19 | 20 | 19 | 21 |
| Good..... | 65 | 65 | 61 | 31 |
| Excellent..... | 13 | 13 | 12 | 7 |
| Potatoes inside San Luis Valley | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | NA | -- | NA |
| Poor..... | -- | NA | -- | NA |
| Fair..... | 24 | NA | 18 | NA |
| Good..... | 53 | NA | 61 | NA |
| Excellent..... | 23 | NA | 21 | NA |
| Potatoes outside San Luis Valley | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | NA |
| Poor..... | -- | -- | -- | NA |
| Fair..... | 8 | 5 | 6 | NA |
| Good..... | 77 | 81 | 68 | NA |
| Excellent..... | 15 | 14 | 26 | NA |
| Sorghum | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 1 | -- | -- | 3 |
| Poor..... | 3 | 1 | -- | 11 |
| Fair..... | 19 | 14 | 29 | 35 |
| Good..... | 71 | 79 | 65 | 48 |
| Excellent..... | 6 | 6 | 6 | 3 |
| Spring Wheat | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | 2 |
| Poor..... | 1 | -- | -- | 5 |
| Fair..... | 17 | 25 | 8 | 31 |
| Good..... | 79 | 72 | 84 | 57 |
| Excellent..... | 3 | 3 | 8 | 5 |
| Sugarbeets | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | 1 | 1 |
| Poor..... | -- | -- | 2 | 3 |
| Fair..... | 15 | 11 | 14 | 21 |
| Good..... | 65 | 72 | 71 | 59 |
| Excellent..... | 20 | 17 | 12 | 16 |
| Sunflowers | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | NA | -- | NA |
| Poor..... | -- | NA | -- | NA |
| Fair..... | 18 | NA | 31 | NA |
| Good..... | 68 | NA | 64 | NA |
| Excellent..... | 14 | NA | 5 | NA |
| Winter Wheat | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 5 | 6 | 1 | 17 |
| Poor..... | 13 | 14 | 9 | 17 |
| Fair..... | 36 | 39 | 23 | 28 |
| Good..... | 33 | 31 | 53 | 31 |
| Excellent..... | 13 | 10 | 14 | 7 |

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