



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 23, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Hot and dry conditions across much of the state last week continued to advance crop development and winter wheat harvest, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Some areas received needed moisture, while others remained very dry. In northwestern counties, a reported a lack of rain and hot daytime temperatures have driven irrigation and livestock water supplies to critically low levels; stream flow has been adversely affected as well as pond levels. A reporter noted that haying is about 2 weeks early due to a lack of irrigation water in the area. In northeastern counties, reporters noted that hot and dry conditions continue to prevail although scattered precipitation was received last week. A reporter in Weld County noted that rain showers stalled wheat harvest for an afternoon last week. In these counties, irrigated crops remain in good condition where water supplies are adequate; dryland crops and pastures are quickly deteriorating with the lack of moisture. In southwestern counties, reporters noted that monsoon season has begun with accompanying rainfall. Received moisture has improved range conditions, although some areas remain dry. In Montezuma County, it was reported that heavy rain damaged crops in some areas this past week. In the San Luis Valley, localized rain was received last week, along with very isolated hail. Potatoes are reportedly doing well. Barley is quickly starting to turn, although some previous freeze or hail damage has shown up. A reporter noted that alfalfa weevil is still a problem in areas with some producers treating to mitigate. In southeastern counties, scattered rain was also reported last week. Overall, hot and windy conditions have caused issues keeping irrigated crops wet. A reporter noted that alfalfa condition has declined since some irrigation water has been diverted to corn. Statewide, winter wheat harvest was ahead of the average by week's end. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 6 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 4 percent heavy, 63 percent average, and 33 percent light. Cattle death loss was 3 percent heavy, 66 percent average, and 31 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
2 nd cutting.....	58	41	66	58
3 rd cutting.....	1	NA	1	3
Barley				
Headed.....	96	94	99	97
Turning color.....	48	16	54	43
Harvested.....	1	NA	1	4
Corn				
Silked.....	21	9	26	38
Dry Beans				
Flowered.....	35	22	60	48
Sorghum				
Headed.....	12	4	21	14
Spring wheat				
Headed.....	93	88	97	98
Turning color.....	39	18	44	44
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	90	73	87	85

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.5	6.4	6.3	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	9	7	3	20
Short.....	36	31	21	31
Adequate.....	53	60	68	46
Surplus.....	2	2	8	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	5	4	3	27
Short.....	36	27	18	28
Adequate.....	58	67	75	43
Surplus.....	1	2	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	--	--	7
Poor.....	12	6	2	11
Fair.....	27	26	13	26
Good.....	49	56	65	44
Excellent.....	11	12	20	12
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	--	3
Fair.....	22	23	13	21
Good.....	59	62	51	53
Excellent.....	19	15	36	22
Corn				
Very poor.....	9	6	1	7
Poor.....	14	10	2	9
Fair.....	20	16	18	24
Good.....	50	57	64	49
Excellent.....	7	11	15	11
Dry Beans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	11	11	2	7
Fair.....	29	29	23	40
Good.....	54	56	66	47
Excellent.....	6	4	9	4
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	2	--	1	6
Fair.....	19	12	9	24
Good.....	68	76	77	58
Excellent.....	11	12	13	10
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	2	4
Fair.....	41	43	4	19
Good.....	47	50	75	62
Excellent.....	12	7	19	14
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	2	--	3	18
Poor.....	16	7	5	20
Fair.....	35	29	24	23
Good.....	39	55	57	32
Excellent.....	8	9	11	7
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	2	--	--	NA
Fair.....	18	24	16	NA
Good.....	49	50	63	NA
Excellent.....	31	26	21	NA
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	15	14	5	NA
Good.....	80	82	82	NA
Excellent.....	5	4	13	NA
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	9	3	--	7
Poor.....	12	7	1	15
Fair.....	38	23	35	33
Good.....	39	61	59	43
Excellent.....	2	6	5	2
Spring Wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	5
Poor.....	2	3	--	8
Fair.....	20	25	8	29
Good.....	73	70	84	53
Excellent.....	5	2	8	5
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	2	1	2	4
Fair.....	18	16	14	17
Good.....	62	68	72	61
Excellent.....	18	15	12	17
Sunflowers				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	5
Poor.....	9	16	1	13
Fair.....	34	28	28	32
Good.....	54	50	63	42
Excellent.....	3	6	8	8

NA – not available

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