



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 13, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Widespread moisture was generally received across the state last week, improving crop conditions but delaying fieldwork, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Locally moderate to heavy precipitation and cooler temperatures improved rangeland conditions and replenished soil moisture supplies. Some areas that haven't received recent moisture continue to be dry. In northeastern counties, pasture and dryland crop conditions improved due to moisture, with irrigated crops also remaining in good condition. Irrigation water supplies are reported to be adequate and available through crop maturity, although some dryland crops stressed due to previous lack of moisture are likely to see decreased yields. A reporter in Weld county noted that considerable crop-damaging hail was observed last week. East central counties also received moisture this week, with conditions looking very good. A reporter in southwestern Colorado noted that rain delayed alfalfa cutting and winter wheat harvest. In the San Luis Valley, rain also continues to hamper barley maturation and harvest, as well as alfalfa cutting and baling. Isolated hail reportedly damaged alfalfa and barley. Quality of alfalfa hay was noted to be diminished due to wet conditions. A reporter also noted that the rain has caused isolated incidences of barley sprout. Producers are preparing for fall potato harvest in the San Luis Valley. In southeastern counties, delays to alfalfa harvest were noted again this week due to rain with poor quality reported. Isolated hail was reported with some damage sustained to crops in those localities. Statewide, harvest of hay and small grains was behind the average by week's end due to weather conditions. Stored feed supplies were rated 1 percent short, 90 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 45 percent average and 55 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 65 percent average, and 34 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
2 nd cutting.....	86	79	94	89
3 rd cutting	28	19	30	29
Barley				
Turning color	93	86	93	93
Harvested	11	5	24	30
Corn				
Silked	96	87	95	93
Dough	25	7	28	33
Dented.....	1	--	2	4
Dry Beans				
Flowered.....	87	74	94	87
Onions				
Harvested	2	--	NA	NA
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	9	1	--	5
Sorghum				
Headed	68	50	76	60
Turning color	6	--	19	20
Spring wheat				
Turning color	91	79	77	84
Harvested	8	5	14	20

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	4.2	5.4	6.5	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	2	5	20
Short.....	14	22	24	29
Adequate	78	70	66	49
Surplus	7	6	5	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	1	4	4	26
Short.....	16	24	19	28
Adequate	80	70	73	45
Surplus	3	2	4	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.....	4	4	--	8
Poor.....	13	12	2	9
Fair.....	25	25	14	25
Good.....	52	52	65	47
Excellent.....	6	7	19	11
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	5	9	--	2
Fair.....	27	26	13	20
Good.....	56	54	52	56
Excellent.....	12	11	35	21
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	4	1	11
Poor.....	9	13	2	9
Fair.....	19	25	14	21
Good.....	57	50	66	48
Excellent.....	15	8	17	11
Dry Beans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	6	7	2	7
Fair.....	25	30	20	38
Good.....	67	58	65	47
Excellent.....	2	5	13	6
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	1	1	1	5
Fair.....	14	14	10	23
Good.....	77	75	77	62
Excellent.....	8	10	12	8
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	2	--	3	3
Fair.....	35	44	5	16
Good.....	59	50	74	69
Excellent.....	4	6	18	11
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	--	1	3	18
Poor.....	8	9	6	18
Fair.....	24	33	25	25
Good.....	59	50	57	33
Excellent.....	9	7	9	6
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	8	7	--	NA
Fair.....	15	19	16	NA
Good.....	54	49	63	NA
Excellent.....	23	25	21	NA
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	4	7	5	NA
Good.....	88	89	82	NA
Excellent.....	8	4	13	NA
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	2	3	--	11
Poor.....	4	4	5	15
Fair.....	13	33	27	32
Good.....	71	53	62	40
Excellent.....	10	7	6	2
Spring Wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	4
Poor.....	7	7	--	7
Fair.....	27	26	8	28
Good.....	62	62	84	56
Excellent.....	4	5	8	5
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	2	3	4
Fair.....	10	12	11	18
Good.....	77	73	71	63
Excellent.....	11	13	15	14
Sunflowers				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	9
Poor.....	2	3	3	14
Fair.....	15	34	25	31
Good.....	76	59	64	40
Excellent.....	7	4	8	6

NA – not available

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