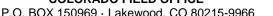
# **COLORADO CROP PROGRESS**



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# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 20, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Isolated precipitation was received in several Colorado counties this past week, continuing to provide beneficial moisture but delaying fieldwork in a few areas, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. In northwestern counties, only spotty moisture has been received. A reporter noted that hay and pasture conditions in several areas are drought stressed, with below normal yields reported for hay. Livestock water for rangeland in these counties remains critically low. Northeastern counties received rain this past week, with heavy amounts reported in areas. Cooler conditions continue to provide relief from dry conditions and seasonal heat. Dryland crops are improving with precipitation, but rangeland is dry in areas and in need of moisture. A reporter noted that a shortage of moisture in weeks prior negatively affected grain fill in some corn. In east central counties, reports of hail last week were noted, but thus far damage to crops is minimal. In the San Luis Valley, barley harvest is in full swing. A reporter noted that some second cutting alfalfa remains in the field due to continued rainfall. Southeastern counties also received more rain this past week. A reporter noted recent lack of heat units has slowed progress of crops, notably sorghum. Previous severe weather in southeastern counties continues to affect quality of alfalfa hay harvested. Statewide, harvest of barley and spring wheat was behind last year and the average. Stored feed supplies were rated 88 percent adequate and 12 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 56 percent average and 44 percent light. Cattle death loss was 2 percent heavy, 80 percent average, and 18 percent light.

#### **CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS**

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa	•	* /	• /	,
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting	92	86	96	95
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	40	28	43	39
Barley				
Turning color	95	93	96	98
Harvested	25	11	35	42
Corn				
Dough	50	25	52	58
Dented	7	1	17	16
Corn Silage				
Harvested	2		1	3
Dry Beans				
Flowered	95	87	NA	NA
Onions				
Harvested	9	2	6	9
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	13	9	9	20
Sorghum				
Headed	79	68	87	74
Turning color	16	6	26	27
Spring wheat				
Turning color	94	91	87	91
Harvested	11	8	23	30

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	5.9	4.2	6.7	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	3	1	5	20
Short	18	14	25	28
Adequate	75	78	68	50
Surplus	4	7	2	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	3	1	4	25
Short	19	16	20	29
Adequate	76	80	73	45
Surplus	2	3	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	4	4		7
Poor	14	13	2	9
Fair	26	25 52	15	25
Good	47 9	52 6	64 19	48 11
Excellent	9	0	19	11
Barley Very poor	1			NA
Very poor	11	5		NA NA
Fair	34	27	13	NA NA
Good	47	56	52	NA
Excellent	7	12	35	NA NA
Corn	,	12	33	11/1
Very poor			1	10
Poor	3	9	2	8
Fair	16	19	17	22
Good	71	57	66	49
Excellent	10	15	14	11
ory Beans				
Very poor				3
Poor	3	6	2	7
Fair	22	25	21	33
Good	74	67	64	49
Excellent	1	2	13	8
ivestock	-			
Very poor				1
Poor	4	1	1	4
Fair	14	14	10	22
Good	74	77	76	64
Excellent	8	8	13	9
Onions				
Very poor				1
Poor	2	2	3	4
Fair	34	35	5	15
Good	48	59	74	68
Excellent	16	4	18	12
asture and Range				
Very poor	1		3	17
Poor	11	8	6	19
Fair	22	24	25	24
Good	54	59	57	34
Excellent	12	9	9	6
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor				NA
Poor	11	8		NA
Fair	16	15	15	NA
Good	55	54	63	NA
Excellent	18	23	22	NA
otatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor				NA
Poor				NA
Fair	3	4	5	NA
Good	90	88	82	NA
Excellent	7	8	13	NA
orghum				
Very poor	3	2		12
Poor	4	4	5	13
Fair	13	13	26	32
Good	74	71	62	41
Excellent	6	10	7	2
pring Wheat				
Very poor				4
Poor	7	7		6
Fair	28	27	8	28
Good	61	62	84	57
Excellent	4	4	8	5
igarbeets				
Very poor		1		1
Poor		1	3	4
Fair	5	10	11	16
Good	81	77	71	66
Excellent	14	11	15	13
unflowers			-	
Very poor	2			9
Poor	2	2	3	14
Fair	4	15	24	30
Good	77	76	65	40
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NA – not available

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