



# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 27, 2017

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Drier conditions and warmer weather throughout the state last week allowed fieldwork activities to proceed with minimal delay and helped push crops toward maturity, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. In northeastern counties, reporters noted that with the exception of persistently dry areas, crop and rangeland conditions are holding steady and good fieldwork progress was made last week. East central counties received minimal rain last week, but a reporter remarked crops are in need of heat to mature. Sorghum was noted to be behind. In the San Luis Valley, barley harvest progressed well in between scattered showers and potato growers are looking to begin harvest in earnest. A reporter noted the drier conditions last week helped move alfalfa harvest along better than past weeks. Livestock and pastures in the San Luis Valley are in good condition with recently received moisture. Southeastern counties also experienced drier conditions, which helped alfalfa harvest progress. A reporter noted sorghum remains behind in this area with heat units needed to help it mature. Statewide, harvest of spring wheat remained slightly behind last year and the average, while harvest of barley was at the average. Stored feed supplies were rated 87 percent adequate and 13 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 2 percent heavy, 48 percent average, and 50 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 78 percent average, and 21 percent light.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting.....	97	92	NA	NA
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting.....	54	40	54	52
Barley				
Harvested.....	58	25	52	59
Corn				
Dough.....	63	50	77	78
Dented.....	15	7	41	35
Corn Silage				
Harvested.....	4	2	4	8
Dry Beans				
Cut.....	1	--	2	8
Onions				
Harvested.....	11	9	12	14
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Harvested.....	1	--	1	5
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested.....	15	13	14	29
Sorghum				
Headed.....	91	79	92	84
Turning color.....	25	16	37	35
Spring wheat				
Turning color.....	96	94	93	97
Harvested.....	29	11	34	43

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.....	6.8	5.9	6.4	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	3	7	22
Short.....	14	18	24	31
Adequate.....	80	75	67	45
Surplus.....	5	4	2	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	1	3	6	26
Short.....	17	19	20	30
Adequate.....	80	76	72	43
Surplus.....	2	2	2	1

NA – not available

(--) – zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
Very poor.....	2	4	--	8
Poor.....	10	14	2	10
Fair.....	30	26	15	24
Good.....	53	47	64	46
Excellent.....	5	9	19	12
<b>Barley</b>				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	NA
Poor.....	6	11	--	NA
Fair.....	33	34	14	NA
Good.....	47	47	52	NA
Excellent.....	14	7	34	NA
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	12
Poor.....	6	3	2	8
Fair.....	21	16	18	21
Good.....	62	71	65	48
Excellent.....	11	10	14	11
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	3	3	2	8
Fair.....	21	22	21	34
Good.....	74	74	66	47
Excellent.....	2	1	11	8
<b>Livestock</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	2	4	1	5
Fair.....	14	14	10	24
Good.....	77	74	77	61
Excellent.....	7	8	12	8
<b>Onions</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	3	2	5	4
Fair.....	34	34	5	16
Good.....	56	48	72	66
Excellent.....	7	16	18	13
<b>Pasture and Range</b>				
Very poor.....	--	1	3	19
Poor.....	10	11	6	19
Fair.....	24	22	25	24
Good.....	54	54	58	33
Excellent.....	12	12	8	5
<b>Potatoes inside San Luis Valley</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	8	11	--	NA
Fair.....	13	16	14	NA
Good.....	56	55	64	NA
Excellent.....	23	18	22	NA
<b>Potatoes outside San Luis Valley</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	7	3	5	NA
Good.....	86	90	82	NA
Excellent.....	7	7	13	NA
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Very poor.....	6	3	--	13
Poor.....	7	4	5	13
Fair.....	13	13	28	33
Good.....	65	74	60	39
Excellent.....	9	6	7	2
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	5
Poor.....	5	7	--	7
Fair.....	25	28	8	27
Good.....	66	61	83	56
Excellent.....	4	4	9	5
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	--	3	5
Fair.....	9	5	11	18
Good.....	81	81	70	62
Excellent.....	8	14	16	14
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Very poor.....	1	2	--	12
Poor.....	2	2	3	12
Fair.....	16	14	26	30
Good.....	73	77	63	40
Excellent.....	8	5	8	6

NA – not available

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