



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 4, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Colorado experienced variable weather last week that brought heavy rain, localized flooding, and damaging hail to some areas while others remained hot and dry, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Winter wheat harvest finished up in several counties last week. Western counties received monsoonal moisture last week and flash flooding was observed in some localities. In northeastern counties, barley harvest was fully underway and for some producers harvest was complete. A reporter noted isolated precipitation, heavy in areas, was enough to delay fieldwork slightly. Damaging hail was also noted. Spring crops continued to benefit from additional heat units and were advancing toward maturity. Declines in rangeland and dryland crop conditions in some areas were still a concern due to lack of received moisture. In east central counties, received moisture varied greatly. On Monday, a large storm generated severe hail in areas of Kit Carson and Cheyenne counties. Heavy crop damage and losses were noted. In the San Luis Valley, second cutting of alfalfa was finishing up, but slight delays were noted due to scattered rain showers. Isolated flash flooding from heavy rain was also observed. A reporter noted barley was turning color fast and producers began turning off irrigation water to some fields last week. Barley harvest was still a couple weeks away, according to county reporters. Potatoes were also noted as starting to bloom. Rangeland benefited from received moisture and livestock conditions were improving from available summer grass. In southeastern counties, hay harvest progressed last week but a reporter noted field conditions varied throughout the area. Topsoil was notably turning very dry in areas that did not receive moisture. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 7 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 1 percent heavy, 33 percent average, and 66 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 hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	77	58	77	77
3 rd cutting harvested	11	1	15	15
Barley				
Turning color	88	62	87	82
Harvested	5	4	8	14
Corn				
Silked	77	53	82	79
Doughed.....	5	1	21	10
Dented.....	1	NA	--	--
Dry edible beans				
Blooming	62	41	78	73
Sorghum				
Headed	40	18	59	41
Turning color	1	--	5	4
Winter wheat				
Harvested	92	80	99	97

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.2	6.3	6.0	5.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	5	15	7
Short.....	23	18	25	24
Adequate	66	74	56	64
Surplus.....	4	3	4	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	5	3	22	11
Short.....	22	17	21	23
Adequate	67	76	53	63
Surplus.....	6	4	4	3

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	2	3	10	3
Poor.....	5	4	16	9
Fair.....	11	7	29	24
Good	69	67	37	51
Excellent	13	19	8	13
Barley				
Very poor	2	2	1	1
Poor.....	4	5	1	3
Fair.....	15	17	27	19
Good	54	51	52	53
Excellent	25	25	19	24
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	6	2
Poor.....	4	1	5	6
Fair.....	22	19	18	21
Good	63	70	66	59
Excellent	11	10	5	12
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	--	--	9	2
Poor.....	4	2	21	6
Fair.....	35	19	15	31
Good	55	74	45	53
Excellent	6	5	10	8
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	2	1
Poor.....	--	--	2	3
Fair.....	8	11	30	22
Good	89	85	55	61
Excellent	3	4	11	13
Pasture and range				
Very poor	1	1	33	9
Poor.....	5	4	24	15
Fair.....	17	21	20	26
Good	65	64	20	42
Excellent	12	10	3	8
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	3	4	4	6
Fair.....	27	34	16	19
Good	51	44	53	52
Excellent	19	18	27	21
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	2	--
Poor.....	2	1	3	1
Fair.....	17	17	12	9
Good	67	68	60	78
Excellent	14	14	23	12
Sorghum				
Very poor	1	1	14	4
Poor.....	2	1	9	9
Fair.....	33	24	16	32
Good	54	69	57	51
Excellent	10	5	4	4
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	2	1
Poor.....	--	--	6	3
Fair.....	13	14	21	14
Good	75	78	51	64
Excellent	12	8	20	18
Sunflowers				
Very poor	--	--	3	1
Poor.....	--	--	4	7
Fair.....	23	20	18	27
Good	68	76	65	56
Excellent	9	4	10	9
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	5	1
Poor.....	3	2	5	2
Fair.....	8	11	19	15
Good	76	72	61	70
Excellent	13	15	10	12

NA – not available

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