



# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 23, 2015

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Hot conditions persisted, pushing crops to maturity at an accelerated pace. More frequent rains resulted in improved moisture supplies, particularly east of the Front Range. Isolated strong storms were also noted in eastern districts, with several instances of hail damage observed by reporters. Harvesting activities occurred in localities where field accessibility was feasible while winter wheat seeding commenced with strong initial gains reported. Stored feed supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 2 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was rated 63 percent average and 37 percent light. Cattle death loss was rated 1 percent heavy, 71 percent average, and 28 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.....	96	92	92	96
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting.....	38	21	45	43
Barley				
Turning color.....	100	94	100	100
Harvested.....	37	25	64	51
Corn				
Dough.....	68	38	67	65
Dented.....	33	6	12	15
Corn Silage				
Harvested.....	5	4	3	4
Dry Beans				
Blooming.....	91	82	99	95
Onions				
Harvested.....	16	6	4	12
Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested.....	10	2	18	27
Sorghum				
Headed.....	86	73	71	77
Coloring.....	30	24	24	32
Mature.....	1	--	6	2
Spring wheat				
Coloring.....	95	85	87	96
Harvested.....	44	26	26	30
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	4	NA	--	--

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.....	6.3	6.5	5.6	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	4	9	22
Short.....	23	23	31	33
Adequate.....	70	71	56	44
Surplus.....	4	2	4	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	5	4	18	27
Short.....	23	22	31	32
Adequate.....	71	73	50	40
Surplus.....	1	1	1	1

NA – not available

(--)- zero

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

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	7
Poor.....	4	4	10	11
Fair.....	26	27	24	26
Good.....	58	56	46	45
Excellent.....	12	13	17	11
<b>Barley</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	1
Poor.....	1	1	4	3
Fair.....	15	15	16	27
Good.....	55	54	51	57
Excellent.....	29	30	27	12
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	10
Poor.....	3	3	5	9
Fair.....	21	21	23	21
Good.....	63	65	51	47
Excellent.....	13	11	20	13
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	1	1	--	8
Fair.....	31	34	41	38
Good.....	59	60	45	47
Excellent.....	9	5	14	4
<b>Livestock</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	1	1	5
Fair.....	11	11	19	24
Good.....	74	74	66	62
Excellent.....	14	14	14	8
<b>Onions</b>				
Very poor.....	3	3	--	1
Poor.....	8	8	1	2
Fair.....	21	21	14	15
Good.....	54	53	66	72
Excellent.....	14	15	19	10
<b>Pasture and Range</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	6	21
Poor.....	13	12	21	20
Fair.....	25	25	27	24
Good.....	50	50	38	30
Excellent.....	11	12	8	5
<b>Potatoes Inside San Luis Valley</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	6	NA
Poor.....	4	4	12	NA
Fair.....	17	17	28	NA
Good.....	54	54	44	NA
Excellent.....	25	25	10	NA
<b>Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	1	NA
Fair.....	6	6	17	NA
Good.....	84	84	73	NA
Excellent.....	10	10	9	NA
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	12
Poor.....	5	5	20	15
Fair.....	30	31	47	36
Good.....	63	62	29	33
Excellent.....	2	2	1	4
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	4
Poor.....	--	--	8	10
Fair.....	39	39	36	34
Good.....	55	55	55	47
Excellent.....	6	6	1	5
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	1	1	3	4
Fair.....	8	8	18	20
Good.....	74	72	55	62
Excellent.....	17	19	23	13
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	10
Poor.....	5	5	21	15
Fair.....	30	30	28	29
Good.....	50	50	41	39
Excellent.....	15	15	7	7

NA – not available

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