



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 22, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Crop development accelerated with the ascent of spring temperatures while precipitation held soil moisture levels mostly adequate, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Fieldwork progressed after isolated precipitation fell in various localities early last week. As moisture levels and cool temperatures had prevailed prior to last week, reporters observed an increased frequency of stripe and leaf rust, particularly in eastern counties. Development of winter wheat remained slightly behind last year, but on par with the average, with crop conditions rated 67 percent good to excellent, compared with 65 percent good to excellent last year. As of May 23, Colorado SNOTEL Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) metrics indicate 152 percent of average, statewide. The Southwest and San Luis Valley were 138 and 140 percent of average, respectively. Stored feed supplies were rated 6 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 58 percent average and 42 percent light. Cattle death loss was 80 percent average and 20 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
1 st cutting	10	1	--	5
Barley				
Emerged	86	70	83	83
Corn				
Planted	80	64	64	82
Emerged	41	8	42	41
Dry beans				
Planted	8	4	12	13
Emerged	1	NA	1	1
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Planted	88	65	78	80
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Emerged	68	40	57	46
Sorghum				
Planted	6	3	19	19
Spring wheat				
Planted	80	72	65	89
Emerged	44	35	53	65
Sugarbeets				
Planted	97	93	97	92
Emerged	86	62	71	61
Sunflowers				
Planted	5	4	5	7
Winter wheat				
Jointed	91	88	96	86
Headed	43	20	61	42
Coloring	1	NA	2	3

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	5.3	5.3	1.8	5.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	2	1	16
Short	8	8	11	26
Adequate	78	77	69	53
Surplus	12	13	19	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	3	4	5	23
Short	12	13	18	29
Adequate	77	76	69	46
Surplus	8	7	8	2

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
Very poor	1	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	13	NA	NA	NA
Good	64	NA	NA	NA
Excellent	20	NA	NA	NA
Barley				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	2
Fair.....	14	18	27	29
Good	55	64	59	54
Excellent	31	18	14	15
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	1	1	3
Fair.....	12	13	15	25
Good	76	76	72	65
Excellent	11	10	12	6
Pasture and range				
Very poor	7	7	5	11
Poor.....	9	10	17	27
Fair.....	24	27	24	33
Good	50	47	43	26
Excellent	10	9	11	3
Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	NA	--	NA
Poor.....	--	NA	--	NA
Fair.....	13	NA	10	NA
Good	70	NA	75	NA
Excellent	17	NA	15	NA
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	1	1	--	NA
Poor.....	6	6	--	NA
Fair.....	22	22	31	NA
Good	69	69	55	NA
Excellent	2	2	14	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor	1	1	3	16
Poor.....	10	11	13	17
Fair.....	22	23	31	34
Good	55	52	44	29
Excellent	12	13	9	4

NA – not available

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