



# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 2, 2017

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Despite the scattered thunderstorms experienced across the State, fieldwork including wheat harvest progressed last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Isolated hail damage midweek was reported in eastern counties. Warm temperatures sustained in northeastern Colorado helped in crop development, but also resulted in an increase in fire danger and the additional need to irrigate crops. Southeastern Colorado experienced warm and dry weather with reports of poor sorghum stands. Wheat harvest was well on the way by week's end in the eastern portion of the State. In Southwestern Colorado, warm and dry weather had stressed some winter wheat fields and reporters stated that livestock pond water was getting low. Reports of potatoes in the San Luis Valley ranged from having poor stands to doing well and small grain crops along with rangeland were reported in good condition. Winter wheat condition was rated 42 percent good to excellent statewide, compared with 66 percent good to excellent last year. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 71 percent average and 29 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 80 percent average, and 19 percent light.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting .....	94	81	93	90
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting.....	8	2	17	15
Barley				
Headed .....	82	53	75	68
Turning color .....	2	1	8	9
Dry Beans				
Emerged.....	94	76	93	85
Flowered .....	2	NA	2	1
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Emerged.....	96	91	100	100
Sorghum				
Emerged .....	90	70	93	80
Spring wheat				
Headed .....	65	40	48	64
Sunflowers				
Planted .....	90	84	90	90
Winter wheat				
Turning color .....	95	87	96	92
Mature.....	65	40	54	53
Harvested .....	13	1	6	25

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 .....	6.7	6.7	5.2	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	3	1	22
Short.....	24	15	14	28
Adequate .....	71	78	78	47
Surplus .....	1	4	7	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	1	3	3	27
Short.....	21	13	11	25
Adequate .....	77	81	81	46
Surplus .....	1	3	5	2

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	--	5
Poor.....	7	8	1	9
Fair.....	29	29	12	28
Good.....	55	50	66	46
Excellent.....	9	11	21	12
<b>Barley</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	22	19	13	21
Good.....	49	57	52	57
Excellent.....	29	24	35	20
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	6
Poor.....	9	6	2	8
Fair.....	17	11	14	24
Good.....	63	68	62	50
Excellent.....	11	15	21	12
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	8	--	1	3
Fair.....	24	24	30	41
Good.....	61	68	55	48
Excellent.....	7	8	14	6
<b>Livestock</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	--	--	1	5
Fair.....	15	11	10	24
Good.....	73	74	77	61
Excellent.....	12	15	12	8
<b>Onions</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	2	5
Fair.....	18	17	4	18
Good.....	69	67	76	63
Excellent.....	13	16	18	13
<b>Pasture and Range</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	21
Poor.....	5	3	4	20
Fair.....	28	19	19	21
Good.....	57	65	62	31
Excellent.....	10	13	12	7
<b>Potatoes inside San Luis Valley</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	2	--	--	NA
Fair.....	23	24	17	NA
Good.....	44	53	62	NA
Excellent.....	31	23	21	NA
<b>Potatoes outside San Luis Valley</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	10	8	5	NA
Good.....	80	77	69	NA
Excellent.....	10	15	26	NA
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	5
Poor.....	5	3	--	13
Fair.....	23	19	35	35
Good.....	67	71	61	45
Excellent.....	4	6	4	2
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	2	1	--	3
Fair.....	15	17	7	30
Good.....	80	79	84	59
Excellent.....	3	3	9	6
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	--	--	2	3
Fair.....	13	15	15	20
Good.....	67	65	72	61
Excellent.....	20	20	10	15
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	1	--	--	14
Fair.....	17	18	32	36
Good.....	67	68	63	38
Excellent.....	15	14	5	10
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	6	5	2	NA
Poor.....	15	13	8	NA
Fair.....	37	36	24	NA
Good.....	30	33	51	NA
Excellent.....	12	13	15	NA

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