



# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 12, 2019

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Widespread precipitation fell over much of the State last week, keeping producers out of the field, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. In northwestern counties, a reporter noted pasture growth was starting to pick up due to warm days and adequate moisture. Northeastern counties received enough moisture to limit fieldwork last week. A reporter noted corn planting was moving along for irrigated acreage. Producer concerns were noted in drier parts of the district, which will need more precipitation going forward to sustain good non-irrigated crop and pasture conditions. East central county reporters noted corn planting was delayed due to cool temperatures and continued moisture. Fall seeded crops and pasture were reportedly to be in good condition where received moisture was sufficient. In the San Luis Valley, snow and rain during the week halted potato planting. Some areas received over an inch of moisture, boosting soil moisture supplies and range condition. In southeastern counties, rain also stopped planting and haying activities last week. A reporter noted cold soil temperatures slowed corn emergence. Pastures benefitted from the moisture, but were in need of warm days to stimulate growth. Statewide, winter wheat condition was rated 77 percent good to excellent, compared to 53 percent rated good to excellent last year. Livestock were reportedly in good condition with spring calving virtually complete. As of May 13, 2019 snowpack in Colorado was 155 percent measured as percent of median snowfall. The Southwest and San Luis Valley were 217 and 183 percent, respectively. Stored feed supplies were rated 4 percent very short, 16 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 95 percent average and 5 percent light. Cattle death loss was 2 percent heavy, 89 percent average, and 9 percent light.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested .....	3	1	NA	NA
Barley				
Planted .....	93	87	95	92
Emerg'd .....	79	52	79	65
Corn				
Planted .....	39	21	37	49
Emerg'd .....	7	2	6	10
Dry edible beans				
Planted .....	1	--	NA	NA
Onions				
Planted .....	70	54	95	91
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Planted .....	55	32	76	47
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Planted .....	60	44	69	81
Emerg'd .....	18	5	10	21
Proso millet				
Planted .....	10	5	NA	NA
Sugarbeets				
Planted .....	92	83	88	89
Emerg'd .....	43	27	36	41
Winter wheat				
Jointed .....	77	54	68	75
Headed .....	6	2	10	16
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved .....	93	90	94	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.....	3.9	6.1	6.1	4.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1	19	8
Short.....	8	10	25	18
Adequate.....	86	87	55	67
Surplus.....	5	2	1	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	1	1	12	10
Short.....	11	9	26	22
Adequate.....	85	89	62	65
Surplus.....	3	1	--	3

NA – not available

(--)- zero

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

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	8	NA
Poor.....	2	2	9	NA
Fair.....	7	12	27	NA
Good.....	75	74	46	NA
Excellent.....	16	12	10	NA
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	NA	1	1
Poor.....	--	NA	3	1
Fair.....	12	NA	23	22
Good.....	56	NA	52	55
Excellent.....	32	NA	21	21
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	2	9	7
Poor.....	5	5	20	16
Fair.....	20	21	33	29
Good.....	69	67	38	43
Excellent.....	5	5	--	5
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	6	8
Poor.....	2	2	12	13
Fair.....	21	25	29	30
Good.....	62	59	49	41
Excellent.....	15	14	4	8
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	4	4	5	2
Fair.....	17	24	16	18
Good.....	71	63	71	71
Excellent.....	8	9	8	9

NA – not available

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