



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Above average temperatures were prevalent across the State last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for June 25, drought conditions were present across 12 percent of the State, down from 16 percent last week. Abnormally dry conditions were spread over 36 percent of the State. Severe drought conditions in Baca and Prowers Counties were downgraded last week, and no portion of the State was rated in severe drought. Drought conditions in southwestern counties improved, with only portions of Dolores, La Plata, and Montezuma Counties under moderate drought conditions. Northeastern counties received scattered moisture, with most concentrated across Larimer, Lincoln, Washington, and Yuma Counties. Isolated areas received more than 2 inches of moisture. In southeastern counties, limited precipitation was received. Area conditions were dry and windy. Reports noted winter wheat harvest had progressed quickly among high temperatures and windy conditions. Preliminary reports show variable yields across the State, although the crop quality appears to be good. In southwestern counties, widespread moisture was received last week. Portions of Dolores and San Miguel Counties received 2 inches or more. In the San Luis Valley, reporters noted first cutting of alfalfa has continually gotten rained on, with many fields still to be bailed. The barley and potato crop are in good condition with recent moisture improving the outlook. Area livestock remained in good condition.

Alfalfa harvest progressed last week, with 76 percent of the crop harvested by week's end, behind the 5-year average of 82 percent. Heading of the barley crop progressed significantly last week among dry, warm weather, with 74 percent of the crop headed by week's end. Dry edible bean planting is nearing the end, with 91 percent of the crop planted and 77 percent emerged. Potato emergence across the State is virtually complete, with 95 percent of acres in the San Luis Valley and 98 percent of acres across the rest of the State emerged. Planting of the proso millet crop progressed last week, with 91 percent of the crop planted. The sunflower crop was reported as 95 percent planted, jumping ahead of the 5-year average of 90 percent. Ninety-five percent of the winter wheat crop had colored, significantly ahead of the previous year of 69 percent and the 5-year average of 80 percent. Winter wheat matured quickly last week, with 66 percent matured, ahead of the 5-year average of 31 percent. Winter wheat harvested, at 23 percent, was notably ahead of last year. Stored feed supplies were reported as 2 percent very short, 11 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus. Cattle death loss was reported as 49 percent average and 51 percent light. Sheep death loss was reported as 86 percent average and 14 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
1 st cutting harvested	76	66	68	82
2 nd cutting harvested.....	1	NA	2	6
Barley				
Headed.....	74	44	35	52
Coloring.....	3	NA	3	3
Dry edible beans				
Planted	91	82	95	92
Emerged.....	77	63	73	70
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Emerged.....	95	81	71	92
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Emerged.....	98	85	92	97
Proso millet				
Planted	91	74	70	87
Sorghum				
Planted	94	80	91	93
Emerged.....	71	43	80	77
Headed.....	2	1	--	--
Sunflowers				
Planted	95	82	93	90
Winter wheat				
Coloring.....	95	82	69	80
Mature	66	32	23	31
Harvested.....	23	1	--	6

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	5.9	6.2	4.9	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	17	17	1	15
Short.....	29	18	3	22
Adequate	44	52	82	58
Surplus	10	13	14	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	14	13	2	15
Short.....	17	16	12	27
Adequate	54	53	81	55
Surplus	15	18	5	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.....	3	1	1	4
Poor	7	8	5	7
Fair.....	25	19	14	23
Good.....	60	68	71	55
Excellent.....	5	4	9	11
Barley				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	3
Poor	4	4	--	6
Fair.....	32	40	10	23
Good.....	45	35	45	45
Excellent.....	18	20	45	23
Corn				
Very poor.....	3	3	1	2
Poor	9	11	7	5
Fair.....	33	28	13	26
Good.....	45	51	62	51
Excellent.....	10	7	17	16
Dry edible beans				
Very poor.....	1	NA	1	5
Poor	8	NA	1	10
Fair.....	19	NA	2	22
Good.....	69	NA	94	52
Excellent.....	3	NA	2	11
Onion				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor	5	7	--	3
Fair.....	50	50	36	27
Good.....	20	25	24	57
Excellent.....	25	18	40	12
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	5	5	1	9
Poor	33	26	3	13
Fair.....	20	26	22	25
Good.....	38	38	50	40
Excellent.....	4	5	24	13
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor	5	5	10	7
Fair.....	16	25	15	19
Good.....	58	55	50	51
Excellent.....	21	15	25	22
Potatoes outside the San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	1
Poor	--	1	--	2
Fair.....	15	18	--	17
Good.....	85	78	100	72
Excellent.....	--	2	--	8
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor	14	3	4	5
Fair.....	39	45	5	31
Good.....	46	49	86	51
Excellent.....	1	3	5	11
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	2	--	--	1
Poor	3	--	--	2
Fair.....	28	30	29	28
Good.....	65	70	50	48
Excellent.....	2	--	21	21
Sunflowers				
Very poor.....	1	NA	--	1
Poor	1	NA	--	4
Fair.....	63	NA	8	35
Good.....	33	NA	78	53
Excellent.....	2	NA	14	7
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	10	16	9	11
Poor	15	22	14	15
Fair.....	35	26	21	28
Good.....	32	33	44	35
Excellent.....	8	3	12	11
Livestock				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	1
Poor	3	3	1	4
Fair.....	15	15	17	19
Good.....	69	70	56	59
Excellent.....	12	11	25	17

NA – not available

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