



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 19, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Higher than normal temperatures across most of the state pushed fieldwork and crop advancement last week while depleting soil moisture supplies in areas, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 82 percent of the State is under drought conditions, down 2 percentage points from last week. Forty-three percent of the State is experiencing severe to exceptional drought conditions, unchanged from last week. Extreme drought conditions are affecting 16 percent of the State, up 4 percentage points from last week. Northeastern and east central counties continue to face strong winds, high temperatures, and little moisture. Above average temperatures were recognized, with some areas seeing temperatures ten degrees above average. The Southwestern counties received notable and very needed rains last week, with some areas receiving a few inches of moisture. A reporter noted that relentless windy conditions continue to affect crop conditions. In the San Luis Valley, rainstorms last week provided some short-term relief to emerging crops and rangeland. Potato emergence continued to make significant progress last week, jumping ahead of the 5-year average emergence pace. County reports noted barley is heading in many fields and alfalfa harvest had begun prior to the rain. The southeastern counties were primarily dry last week with little measurable moisture received. Exceptional drought conditions lessened in Baca County. As of June 19, 2022, snowpack in Colorado was 94 percent measured as percent of median snowfall, up 36 percentage points from the previous week. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 23 percent short, and 75 percent adequate. Sheep death loss was 77 percent average and 23 percent light. Cattle death loss was 90 percent average and 10 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
1 st cutting harvested	50	32	75	68
Barley				
Headed.....	20	2	16	22
Corn				
Emerged.....	97	84	97	96
Dry edible beans				
Planted	60	40	89	74
Emerged.....	30	10	47	42
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Emerged.....	88	64	74	83
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Emerged.....	97	85	97	NA
Proso millet				
Planted	61	43	77	NA
Sorghum				
Planted	74	53	86	83
Emerged.....	39	12	39	49
Sunflowers				
Planted	67	47	81	73
Winter wheat				
Headed.....	98	90	96	96
Turning color	48	18	42	53
Mature.....	2	NA	5	9

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.....	6.6	5.9	6.5	5.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	34	21	3	10
Short.....	41	34	20	22
Adequate	25	45	75	64
Surplus	--	--	2	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	37	37	4	10
Short.....	40	39	26	24
Adequate	23	24	69	64
Surplus	--	--	1	2

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.....	5	7	3	5
Poor.....	7	6	5	10
Fair.....	41	36	21	24
Good.....	43	48	51	50
Excellent.....	4	3	20	11
Barley				
Very poor.....	3	3	--	1
Poor.....	6	7	12	6
Fair.....	29	31	44	29
Good.....	43	41	27	44
Excellent.....	19	18	17	20
Corn				
Very poor.....	2	2	--	1
Poor.....	9	9	3	7
Fair.....	40	40	19	24
Good.....	33	40	53	56
Excellent.....	16	9	25	12
Onions				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	1
Poor.....	2	1	7	3
Fair.....	29	30	42	22
Good.....	60	60	46	67
Excellent.....	8	8	5	7
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	23	23	--	12
Poor.....	25	24	16	13
Fair.....	22	21	32	23
Good.....	28	30	35	42
Excellent.....	2	2	17	10
Potatoes inside the San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	2	2	--	--
Poor.....	5	6	10	5
Fair.....	20	21	30	24
Good.....	53	53	45	51
Excellent.....	20	18	15	20
Potatoes outside the San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	1
Poor.....	2	1	2	2
Fair.....	15	15	33	21
Good.....	72	70	55	62
Excellent.....	10	13	10	14
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	6	1	--	3
Fair.....	50	40	42	31
Good.....	44	59	49	60
Excellent.....	--	--	9	5
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	--	5
Fair.....	36	36	25	25
Good.....	36	43	58	55
Excellent.....	28	21	17	14
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	29	28	4	6
Poor.....	25	22	9	13
Fair.....	32	29	27	29
Good.....	14	20	46	39
Excellent.....	--	1	14	13
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	1	2	1
Poor.....	8	8	5	4
Fair.....	23	24	17	19
Good.....	61	59	63	65
Excellent.....	8	8	13	11

NA – not available

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