



# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 29, 2016

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Last week, planting activities progressed on pace prior to midweek when an abundance of precipitation was received east of the Front Range, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Precipitation fell in varying amounts each day last week while several storms produced hail and strong winds, resulting in some localized damage. A persisting concern among reporters was stripe rust, observed in greater frequency on wheat in eastern counties. Cutworm was added to the list of pests observed on wheat. In spite of these damage and quality assessments, crop, pasture and range conditions were generally better than average. Development of winter wheat remained slightly behind last year, but on par with the average, with crop conditions rated 68 percent good to excellent, compared with 49 percent good to excellent last year. As of May 31, Colorado SNOTEL Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) metrics indicate 212 percent of average, statewide. The Southwest and San Luis Valley were 317 and 119 percent of average, respectively. Stored feed supplies were rated 5 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 60 percent average and 40 percent light. Cattle death loss was 81 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 .....	20	10	2	17
Barley				
Emerged .....	92	86	91	94
Corn				
Planted .....	94	80	75	92
Emerged .....	65	41	53	63
Dry beans				
Planted .....	19	8	27	26
Emerged .....	5	1	8	4
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Planted .....	97	88	91	94
Emerged .....	1	--	2	11
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Emerged .....	84	68	82	66
Sorghum				
Planted .....	20	6	22	25
Emerged .....	5	NA	12	3
Spring wheat				
Planted .....	98	80	73	93
Emerged .....	53	44	63	80
Sugarbeets				
Emerged .....	94	86	89	80
Sunflowers				
Planted .....	16	5	7	16
Winter wheat				
Jointed .....	95	91	98	94
Headed .....	67	43	81	62
Coloring .....	4	1	6	8

NA – not available

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### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork .....	4.9	5.3	3.4	5.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	1	2	1	18
Short .....	6	8	10	25
Adequate .....	79	78	74	51
Surplus .....	14	12	15	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	2	3	4	23
Short .....	9	12	18	28
Adequate .....	80	77	70	46
Surplus .....	9	8	8	3

NA – not available

(--) – zero

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

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
Very poor .....	--	1	--	NA
Poor.....	1	2	6	NA
Fair.....	12	13	45	NA
Good .....	70	64	34	NA
Excellent .....	17	20	15	NA
<b>Barley</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	--	2
Fair.....	13	14	25	28
Good .....	57	55	63	54
Excellent .....	30	31	12	15
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor .....	1	NA	--	1
Poor.....	2	NA	3	4
Fair.....	23	NA	32	32
Good .....	52	NA	63	54
Excellent .....	22	NA	2	9
<b>Livestock</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	1	3
Fair.....	11	12	14	25
Good .....	76	76	72	64
Excellent .....	12	11	13	8
<b>Onions</b>				
Very poor .....	--	NA	3	1
Poor.....	--	NA	10	3
Fair.....	1	NA	19	19
Good .....	80	NA	54	67
Excellent .....	19	NA	14	10
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor .....	5	7	5	14
Poor.....	7	9	17	25
Fair.....	21	24	25	31
Good .....	55	50	41	26
Excellent .....	12	10	12	4
<b>Potatoes outside San Luis Valley</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	13	13	11	NA
Good .....	72	70	75	NA
Excellent .....	15	17	14	NA
<b>Spring wheat</b>				
Very poor .....	--	NA	--	2
Poor.....	--	NA	--	4
Fair.....	5	NA	39	41
Good .....	90	NA	59	50
Excellent .....	5	NA	2	3
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Very poor .....	1	1	--	--
Poor.....	3	6	--	4
Fair.....	22	22	25	28
Good .....	71	69	58	55
Excellent .....	3	2	17	13
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor .....	1	1	3	17
Poor.....	10	10	15	18
Fair.....	21	22	33	33
Good .....	55	55	39	28
Excellent .....	13	12	10	4

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