

Colorado is Thirsty Crossword Answers

ACROSS

- 1 The most water-intensive food: **BEEF**, rice or corn
- 4 Part of plant generally used to drink water. **ROOTS**
- 7 The water from #20 Across has a high concentration of **SALT**, which makes it undrinkable to humans.
- 8 River, other than South Platte, that provides drinking water for Denver area residents. (Hint: It is a color.) **BLUE**
- 9 Plants with **LONG** roots can access deeper groundwater, crucial in drier environments.
- 11 The average Colorado household requires **FOUR** hundred gallons of water per day.
- 12 The human activity that uses the most water in Colorado (and the world). Hint: See #1 Across. **AGRICULTURE**
- 14 Most of Earth's fresh water is frozen in these. **GLACIERS**
- 16 Residential homes in Colorado use most of their water on their **LANDSCAPE**.
- 19 Colorado is considered a **HEAD** water state because four major rivers begin here: cool, apex, or head
- 20 Most of the water on Earth is found in these bodies. **OCEANS**
- 21 The **WESTERN** slope receives 80% of the state's precipitation.

DOWN

- 2 The process by which water rises up into the sky from oceans, lakes and streams. **EVAPORATION**
- 3 Region of Colorado that gets the most water. **MOUNTAINS**
- 5 The _____ region in Colorado (which includes Denver) gets the least amount of water: **STEPPE**, forest or alpine
- 6 Number of Colorado's four major rivers (Colorado, Platte, Arkansas, Rio Grande) that start outside the state. **ZERO**
- 10 In Colorado, xeric gardening often uses **NATIVE** plants, which are adapted to our dry conditions.
- 13 The east slope of the Rocky Mountains receives less rain because it is in a **RAIN** shadow.
- 15 The **EASTERN** slope holds 80% of the state's population.
- 17 Xeric gardening is often known as **WATER**-smart gardening.
- 18 Most of Colorado's water falls as this: rain, **SNOW** or hail
- 22 On average, **TEN** inches of snow equals one inch of water.