



# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 11, 2015

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Cooler temperatures last week improved conditions in some localities where heat stress was prevalent. Isolated precipitation was generally received east of the Front Range, causing some delays to field activity. Reporters in the northeastern district noted moisture sustained fall plantings and germination, while indications of high moisture content in corn was preventing full scale harvest in several instances. Stored feed supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 1 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 23 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was rated 4 percent heavy, 64 percent average, and 32 percent light. Cattle death loss was rated 1 percent heavy, 69 percent average, and 30 percent light.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested.....	98	94	98	97
4 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested.....	44	38	53	61
Corn				
Mature.....	86	76	79	86
Harvested.....	15	11	14	27
Corn Silage				
Harvested.....	97	91	95	97
Dry Beans				
Cut.....	93	84	92	94
Harvested.....	62	45	62	77
Onions				
Harvested.....	85	78	76	84
Potatoes Inside San Luis Valley				
Harvested.....	68	54	77	78
Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested.....	92	84	100	99
Sorghum				
Mature.....	68	57	60	66
Harvested.....	16	12	13	12
Sugarbeets				
Harvested.....	43	37	45	34
Sunflowers				
Harvested.....	18	13	3	26
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	86	77	94	91
Emerged.....	47	35	68	60

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.....	6.7	6.3	5.4	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	9	8	6	17
Short.....	39	40	30	34
Adequate.....	52	52	60	47
Surplus.....	--	--	4	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	10	9	15	27
Short.....	35	34	31	35
Adequate.....	55	57	53	37
Surplus.....	--	--	1	1

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.....	--	--	3	NA
Poor.....	5	5	11	NA
Fair.....	27	26	26	NA
Good.....	56	57	44	NA
Excellent.....	12	12	16	NA
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	13
Poor.....	3	3	5	9
Fair.....	26	25	25	25
Good.....	58	60	52	42
Excellent.....	13	12	17	11
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	1	1	7	NA
Fair.....	28	35	47	NA
Good.....	65	58	38	NA
Excellent.....	6	6	8	NA
<b>Livestock</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	1	1	5
Fair.....	12	12	18	24
Good.....	75	75	68	60
Excellent.....	12	12	13	10
<b>Pasture and Range</b>				
Very poor.....	2	1	5	20
Poor.....	17	16	20	19
Fair.....	27	26	27	26
Good.....	46	48	40	29
Excellent.....	8	9	8	6
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	20
Poor.....	10	10	15	21
Fair.....	26	28	56	30
Good.....	61	59	28	24
Excellent.....	3	3	1	5
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	--
Poor.....	1	1	3	3
Fair.....	8	8	19	20
Good.....	76	74	54	62
Excellent.....	15	17	23	15
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	13
Poor.....	8	8	17	17
Fair.....	31	30	33	27
Good.....	48	49	41	36
Excellent.....	13	13	8	7

NA – not available

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