



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 18, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: As dry conditions persisted, fall harvest activities increased in volume while fall plantings and the harvest of several crops were virtually complete by week's end. Moisture supplies declined slightly in the absence of significant precipitation. The southwestern district received the highest accumulations while several localities within La Plata County experienced above normal rainfall. Stored feed supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 1 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 24 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				
4 th cutting harvested	55	44	71	74
Corn				
Mature	95	86	89	94
Harvested for grain	25	15	28	41
Dry Beans				
Cut	97	93	97	99
Harvested	80	62	74	85
Onions				
Harvested	96	85	90	91
Potatoes Inside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	93	68	88	92
Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	95	92	100	100
Sorghum				
Mature	90	68	76	83
Harvested	35	16	18	18
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	47	43	55	48
Sunflowers				
Harvested	46	18	13	40
Winter wheat				
Planted	95	86	99	97
Emerged	60	47	81	72

NA – not available

(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.9	6.7	6.5	6.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	10	9	6	20
Short	40	39	31	34
Adequate	50	52	60	44
Surplus	--	--	3	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	10	10	15	27
Short	36	35	30	35
Adequate	54	55	54	38
Surplus	--	--	1	--

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	NA
Poor.....	5	5	11	NA
Fair.....	27	27	26	NA
Good.....	56	56	44	NA
Excellent.....	12	12	16	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	12
Poor.....	3	3	5	9
Fair.....	26	26	25	25
Good.....	58	58	53	44
Excellent.....	13	13	16	10
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	1	1	5
Fair.....	13	12	17	25
Good.....	75	75	70	60
Excellent.....	11	12	12	9
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	2	2	6	21
Poor.....	17	17	20	21
Fair.....	29	27	27	29
Good.....	45	46	39	24
Excellent.....	7	8	8	5
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	21
Poor.....	3	10	15	21
Fair.....	28	26	56	31
Good.....	66	61	28	23
Excellent.....	3	3	1	4
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	--
Poor.....	1	1	3	3
Fair.....	8	8	21	20
Good.....	76	76	51	61
Excellent.....	15	15	24	16
Sunflowers				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	15
Poor.....	1	8	18	17
Fair.....	33	31	32	27
Good.....	53	48	41	35
Excellent.....	13	13	8	6
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	2	NA	1	2
Poor.....	16	NA	7	12
Fair.....	45	NA	44	43
Good.....	35	NA	39	38
Excellent.....	2	NA	9	5

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