



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Colorado experienced mostly hot and dry weather this past week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Weather conditions allowed for planting and harvesting activities to progress well. There were very few isolated storms producing moisture around the state, but reporters noted that some southeastern counties received heavy rain in spots with hail causing crop damage. Conejos County also had reports of micro-burst conditions and isolated severe hail. Overall, most crops are progressing at or close to the average. In areas where precipitation has been consistently short, non-irrigated crops and pasture show increased stress as summer conditions wind down. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 28 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 8 percent heavy, 68 percent average, and 24 percent light. Cattle death loss was 80 percent average and 20 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity | Current week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | Previous year (percent) | 5-year average (percent) |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Alfalfa | | | | |
| 3 rd cutting | 73 | 66 | 67 | 70 |
| 4 th cutting | 12 | 2 | 10 | 9 |
| Barley | | | | |
| Harvested | 87 | 74 | 95 | 92 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Dough | 97 | 91 | 96 | 98 |
| Dented | 77 | 62 | 80 | 74 |
| Mature | 13 | 6 | 16 | 15 |
| Corn Silage | | | | |
| Harvested | 28 | 12 | 35 | 40 |
| Dry beans | | | | |
| Cut | 16 | 10 | 24 | 36 |
| Harvested | 5 | -- | 8 | 12 |
| Onions | | | | |
| Harvested | 38 | 27 | 32 | 35 |
| Potatoes Inside San Luis Valley | | | | |
| Harvested | 12 | 4 | 12 | 19 |
| Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley | | | | |
| Harvested | 61 | 36 | 52 | 60 |
| Sorghum | | | | |
| Headed | 95 | 94 | 95 | 95 |
| Turning color | 78 | 61 | 56 | 64 |
| Mature | 8 | 3 | 14 | 15 |
| Spring wheat | | | | |
| Harvested | 62 | 46 | 71 | 73 |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Planted | 17 | 7 | 22 | 15 |
| Emerged | 1 | NA | 4 | 1 |

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 | 6.6 | 6.0 | 6.7 | 5.4 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short | 7 | 7 | 4 | 23 |
| Short | 24 | 24 | 33 | 30 |
| Adequate | 66 | 66 | 63 | 42 |
| Surplus | 3 | 3 | -- | 5 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short | 7 | 6 | 7 | 29 |
| Short | 24 | 22 | 28 | 31 |
| Adequate | 67 | 70 | 65 | 38 |
| Surplus | 2 | 2 | -- | 2 |

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

| | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|---|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Alfalfa | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | 10 |
| Poor | 2 | 2 | 4 | 12 |
| Fair | 16 | 16 | 26 | 26 |
| Good..... | 64 | 64 | 58 | 42 |
| Excellent..... | 18 | 18 | 12 | 10 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 1 | 1 | -- | 14 |
| Poor | 2 | 2 | 3 | 12 |
| Fair | 22 | 21 | 21 | 24 |
| Good..... | 60 | 61 | 63 | 41 |
| Excellent..... | 15 | 15 | 13 | 9 |
| Dry beans | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | 5 |
| Poor | 2 | 2 | 1 | 9 |
| Fair | 21 | 21 | 31 | 40 |
| Good..... | 66 | 66 | 60 | 39 |
| Excellent..... | 11 | 11 | 8 | 7 |
| Livestock | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | 2 |
| Poor | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Fair | 10 | 10 | 12 | 27 |
| Good..... | 77 | 77 | 75 | 57 |
| Excellent..... | 12 | 12 | 12 | 9 |
| Onions | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | 3 | NA |
| Poor | 5 | 5 | 8 | NA |
| Fair | 5 | 5 | 17 | NA |
| Good..... | 72 | 72 | 60 | NA |
| Excellent..... | 18 | 18 | 12 | NA |
| Pasture and range | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 3 | 3 | 1 | 22 |
| Poor | 6 | 6 | 15 | 22 |
| Fair | 26 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| Good..... | 57 | 58 | 49 | 26 |
| Excellent..... | 8 | 8 | 10 | 5 |
| Potatoes inside San Luis Valley | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | NA |
| Poor | -- | -- | 4 | NA |
| Fair | 15 | 14 | 16 | NA |
| Good..... | 64 | 65 | 53 | NA |
| Excellent..... | 21 | 21 | 27 | NA |
| Potatoes outside San Luis Valley | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | NA |
| Poor | -- | -- | -- | NA |
| Fair | 5 | 5 | 6 | NA |
| Good..... | 82 | 82 | 85 | NA |
| Excellent..... | 13 | 13 | 9 | NA |
| Sorghum | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | 18 |
| Poor | 5 | 5 | 5 | 15 |
| Fair | 27 | 27 | 31 | 35 |
| Good..... | 60 | 60 | 62 | 31 |
| Excellent..... | 8 | 8 | 2 | 1 |
| Spring wheat | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | NA | NA |
| Poor | -- | -- | NA | NA |
| Fair | 8 | 8 | NA | NA |
| Good..... | 83 | 83 | NA | NA |
| Excellent..... | 9 | 9 | NA | NA |
| Sugarbeets | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | 1 |
| Poor | 3 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| Fair | 12 | 11 | 7 | 22 |
| Good..... | 68 | 70 | 76 | 57 |
| Excellent..... | 17 | 16 | 16 | 15 |
| Sunflowers | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | 14 |
| Poor | 3 | 3 | 5 | 18 |
| Fair | 27 | 26 | 32 | 30 |
| Good..... | 63 | 64 | 50 | 32 |
| Excellent..... | 7 | 7 | 13 | 6 |

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