



# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** This past week, Colorado experienced a mixed bag of cooler fall-like conditions early on and hot summer temperatures that finished out the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Scattered severe storms were active in many counties. Harvest is well underway for several crops, with spring planted small grains at or nearing completion. Overall, mild weather conditions allowed crop maturity and harvest to progress well. Reporters in eastern counties noted that continued dry conditions are a now concern for fall winter wheat seedings. Soil moisture supplies declined again this week. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 29 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 8 percent heavy, 68 percent average, and 24 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				
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting .....	82	73	78	79
4 <sup>th</sup> cutting .....	25	12	18	16
Barley				
Harvested .....	95	87	99	97
Corn				
Dented .....	88	77	93	89
Mature .....	22	13	38	31
Corn Silage				
Harvested .....	53	28	53	59
Dry beans				
Cut .....	28	16	38	50
Harvested .....	10	5	16	25
Onions				
Harvested .....	53	38	45	48
Potatoes Inside San Luis Valley				
Harvested .....	20	12	21	27
Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested .....	73	61	59	73
Sorghum				
Turning color .....	86	78	80	79
Mature .....	19	8	31	25
Spring wheat				
Harvested .....	71	62	89	83
Winter wheat				
Planted .....	36	17	39	30
Emerged .....	14	1	11	6

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 .....	6.7	6.6	6.8	6.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	8	7	6	20
Short .....	29	24	38	32
Adequate .....	61	66	56	45
Surplus .....	2	3	--	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	6	7	7	28
Short .....	28	24	33	32
Adequate .....	65	67	60	39
Surplus .....	1	2	--	1

NA – not available

(--) – zero

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

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	6
Poor.....	2	2	4	10
Fair.....	19	16	26	28
Good.....	62	64	58	46
Excellent.....	17	18	12	10
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	14
Poor.....	3	2	3	10
Fair.....	22	22	23	25
Good.....	60	60	60	40
Excellent.....	14	15	14	11
<b>Dry beans</b>				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	3
Poor.....	2	2	1	8
Fair.....	28	21	35	41
Good.....	61	66	58	41
Excellent.....	8	11	6	7
<b>Livestock</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	1	1	5
Fair.....	9	10	12	27
Good.....	78	77	75	58
Excellent.....	13	12	12	9
<b>Onions</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	NA
Poor.....	3	5	8	NA
Fair.....	9	5	17	NA
Good.....	70	72	60	NA
Excellent.....	18	18	12	NA
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	3	3	1	20
Poor.....	6	6	16	22
Fair.....	29	26	25	25
Good.....	54	57	48	28
Excellent.....	8	8	10	5
<b>Potatoes inside San Luis Valley</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	4	NA
Fair.....	15	15	16	NA
Good.....	66	64	53	NA
Excellent.....	19	21	27	NA
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	17
Poor.....	5	5	10	17
Fair.....	30	27	29	36
Good.....	58	60	59	29
Excellent.....	7	8	2	1
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	3	1	5
Fair.....	14	12	7	22
Good.....	71	68	76	57
Excellent.....	14	17	16	15
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	14
Poor.....	3	3	8	18
Fair.....	26	27	31	30
Good.....	63	63	48	33
Excellent.....	8	7	13	5

NA – not available

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