



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 1, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Continued cool and wet conditions again last week delayed fieldwork and harvest activities but provided welcome moisture in areas, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Reporters in eastern districts noted that rain slowed winter wheat planting and harvest of spring crops, although progress was made earlier in the week as weather conditions allowed. In southeastern counties, it was noted that the sorghum crop remained behind and in need of heat units to mature. Reporters in the San Luis Valley noted that heavy rains late last week hindered potato harvest. Statewide, corn was rated 65 percent good to excellent, compared with 74 percent last year and 55 percent on average. Stored feed supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 2 percent short, 88 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 2 percent heavy, 67 percent average, and 31 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 74 percent average, and 25 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
3 rd cutting	90	84	92	93
4 th cutting	29	21	48	43
Corn				
Dented.....	94	86	97	98
Mature.....	42	31	56	64
Harvested	5	4	8	13
Corn Silage				
Harvested	85	76	89	90
Dry Beans				
Cut	78	66	76	80
Harvested	55	36	52	51
Onions				
Harvested	80	67	75	69
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	54	25	60	56
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	50	44	95	93
Sorghum				
Turning color	93	90	95	94
Mature.....	26	20	43	43
Harvested	1	--	5	8
Spring wheat				
Harvested	86	85	88	92
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	6	4	7	20
Winter wheat				
Planted	57	39	71	69
Emerged.....	29	13	37	33

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.....	3.2	5.6	6.8	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	3	9	13
Short.....	13	23	33	32
Adequate	74	72	57	53
Surplus	12	2	1	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	2	3	8	24
Short.....	23	28	30	32
Adequate	74	69	61	43
Surplus	1	--	1	1

NA – not available

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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.....	--	3	--	NA
Poor.....	8	14	2	NA
Fair.....	24	26	19	NA
Good.....	61	53	63	NA
Excellent.....	7	4	16	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	12
Poor.....	10	9	3	8
Fair.....	24	29	22	25
Good.....	48	48	58	43
Excellent.....	17	13	16	12
Dry Beans				
Very poor.....	6	5	--	NA
Poor.....	10	9	2	NA
Fair.....	40	27	31	NA
Good.....	38	55	59	NA
Excellent.....	6	4	8	NA
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	1	--	5
Fair.....	23	12	9	22
Good.....	71	81	78	62
Excellent.....	5	6	13	10
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	1	1	3	18
Poor.....	13	13	6	18
Fair.....	25	25	31	26
Good.....	46	48	52	33
Excellent.....	15	13	8	5
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	10	14	--	NA
Fair.....	15	19	16	NA
Good.....	55	51	66	NA
Excellent.....	20	16	18	NA
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Fair.....	3	8	NA	NA
Good.....	94	91	NA	NA
Excellent.....	3	1	NA	NA
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	4	2	--	16
Poor.....	9	6	5	15
Fair.....	20	16	30	32
Good.....	58	65	58	35
Excellent.....	9	11	7	2
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	--
Poor.....	4	3	1	3
Fair.....	14	8	15	19
Good.....	59	70	70	63
Excellent.....	22	18	14	15
Sunflowers				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	13
Poor.....	4	4	3	12
Fair.....	17	19	26	29
Good.....	68	62	63	39
Excellent.....	10	14	8	7

NA – not available

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