



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 29, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Another consecutive week of warm and dry weather continued to help harvest activities advance last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. In northeastern counties, reporters noted that winter wheat emergence has improved due to recent moisture, but there were concerns about cheat grass invading fields. In southeastern counties, a reporter noted that many producers are progressing well with sorghum and corn harvest. Sorghum harvest is a fourth complete along with corn harvest almost a third complete, both significantly behind last year's progress. Stored feed supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 3 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 19 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 2 percent heavy, 69 percent average, and 29 percent light. Cattle death loss was 3 percent heavy, 75 percent average, and 22 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
4 th cutting	74	63	90	91
Corn				
Mature	97	86	98	99
Harvested	31	18	66	61
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	95	92	NA	NA
Sorghum				
Mature	97	85	98	96
Harvested	25	13	78	49
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	62	36	48	70
Sunflowers				
Harvested	30	13	61	57
Winter wheat				
Planted	97	94	98	99
Emerged	82	65	91	89

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	6.5	6.7	6.9	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	1	15	12
Short	13	10	40	37
Adequate	82	87	44	50
Surplus	3	2	1	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	3	2	14	20
Short	17	14	37	36
Adequate	78	82	49	44
Surplus	2	2	--	--

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)
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	1	NA	NA
Poor.....	5	5	NA	NA
Fair.....	15	16	NA	NA
Good.....	61	56	NA	NA
Excellent.....	18	22	NA	NA
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	2	1	1	3
Fair.....	18	14	10	22
Good.....	69	78	76	66
Excellent.....	11	7	13	8
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	2	1	5	16
Poor.....	14	8	11	20
Fair.....	26	22	33	27
Good.....	45	54	45	33
Excellent.....	13	15	6	4
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	6	3	NA	NA
Poor.....	6	5	NA	NA
Fair.....	15	12	NA	NA
Good.....	54	60	NA	NA
Excellent.....	19	20	NA	NA
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	NA
Poor.....	4	3	1	NA
Fair.....	11	14	13	NA
Good.....	67	60	71	NA
Excellent.....	17	22	15	NA
Sunflowers				
Very poor.....	2	1	--	NA
Poor.....	5	2	4	NA
Fair.....	15	15	27	NA
Good.....	57	59	61	NA
Excellent.....	21	23	8	NA
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	1	2	2	2
Poor.....	3	9	9	11
Fair.....	31	34	32	39
Good.....	47	42	51	42
Excellent.....	18	13	6	6

NA – not available

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