



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 5, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cool and drier weather continued to accelerate harvest of several crops last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. In northeastern counties, reporters noted harvest picked up for several crops, but winter wheat emergence slowed due to cooler temperatures and short days. There is some concern wheat fields might blow more this winter due to short cover. A reporter noted that lack of moisture continues to be a problem for rangeland conditions in these areas. Southwestern counties last week were again noted to be abnormally dry for this time of year, which is concerning. In southeastern counties, harvest slowed slightly during cool and damp days, but reportedly progressed well where conditions allowed. Corn was 50 percent harvested by week's end, still behind last year and the average. Stored feed supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 67 percent average and 33 percent light. Cattle death loss was 2 percent heavy, 66 percent average, and 32 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
4 th cutting	76	74	96	95
Corn				
Harvested	50	31	84	76
Sorghum				
Harvested	62	25	90	65
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	80	62	66	83
Sunflowers				
Harvested	68	30	80	72
Winter wheat				
Emerged	89	82	94	93

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	6.3	6.5	6.8	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	2	18	14
Short	15	13	41	33
Adequate	83	82	40	52
Surplus	1	3	1	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	3	3	18	23
Short	16	17	39	36
Adequate	80	78	43	41
Surplus	1	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.....	3	5	NA	NA
Fair.....	13	15	NA	NA
Good.....	60	61	NA	NA
Excellent.....	23	18	NA	NA
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	2	1	4
Fair.....	11	18	10	22
Good.....	80	69	77	66
Excellent.....	7	11	12	8
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	2	2	5	17
Poor.....	17	14	11	20
Fair.....	23	26	36	27
Good.....	44	45	42	32
Excellent.....	14	13	6	4
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	3	6	NA	NA
Poor.....	4	6	NA	NA
Fair.....	10	15	NA	NA
Good.....	61	54	NA	NA
Excellent.....	22	19	NA	NA
Sunflowers				
Very poor.....	1	2	NA	NA
Poor.....	2	5	NA	NA
Fair.....	12	15	NA	NA
Good.....	60	57	NA	NA
Excellent.....	25	21	NA	NA
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	2	1	3	2
Poor.....	4	3	10	11
Fair.....	29	31	36	38
Good.....	48	47	45	42
Excellent.....	17	18	6	7

NA – not available

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