



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 12, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Harvest activities progressed last week despite wetter conditions, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Isolated snow showers and rain were observed early in the week. A reporter in the northwest district observed that snow cover was quickly beginning to increase. In northeastern counties, reporters noted harvest slowed somewhat due to morning frost and high humidity. Livestock were being moved to winter feed stalks as they became available after harvest. In the San Luis Valley, another dry week was observed, with producers continuing to carry out post-harvest fieldwork. In southeastern counties, harvest also slowed slightly due to humid conditions. Statewide, corn was 72 percent harvested by week's end, still behind last year and the average. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 7 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 77 percent average and 23 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 73 percent average, and 26 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa 4 th cutting	90	76	NA	NA
Corn Harvested	72	50	93	86
Sorghum Harvested	77	62	94	79
Sugarbeets Harvested	92	80	80	92
Sunflowers Harvested	79	68	89	84
Winter wheat Emerged	94	89	96	96

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	6.2	6.3	6.9	6.0
Topsoil moisture (percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	1	22	17
Short	17	15	42	37
Adequate	80	83	35	45
Surplus	1	1	1	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	6	3	18	24
Short	20	16	42	38
Adequate	73	80	40	38
Surplus	1	1	--	--

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	2	2	4
Fair.....	18	11	11	21
Good.....	72	80	76	67
Excellent.....	8	7	11	8
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	4	2	5	17
Poor.....	10	17	12	19
Fair.....	23	23	37	27
Good.....	53	44	41	32
Excellent.....	10	14	5	5
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	3	2	2	2
Poor.....	6	4	12	13
Fair.....	21	29	38	40
Good.....	52	48	42	38
Excellent.....	18	17	6	7

NA – not available

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