



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 14, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Rain and snowfall in several areas of the state delayed fieldwork and harvest activities last week. Soil moisture supplies improved from received moisture. In northeastern and east central counties, reporters mentioned snow and rain delayed fieldwork but harvest of several crops continued as conditions allowed. Crops still to be harvested will dry down fast after the freezing temperatures last week, a reporter noted. Received moisture improved conditions for seeding winter wheat, as well as helping pasture conditions going forward. In southwestern counties, significant moisture was received that helped boost soil moisture supplies. A reporter noted the moisture was enough to help perennial grasses green up after drought-induced dormancy, but a lot more moisture is needed for further recovery. Winter wheat planting was delayed due to wet field conditions. In the San Luis Valley, little moisture was received last week and potato harvest continued to make progress. A reporter noted pasture grass was still short and producers were investigating ways to stretch their fall and winter hay supplies. In southeastern counties, a reporter noted up to 3 inches of moisture were received in areas, improving the outlook for pasture grass and fall seeded crops. Fieldwork stopped due to adverse conditions. Statewide, corn was rated 68 percent good to excellent, compared with 84 percent rated good to excellent last year. Stored feed supplies were rated 9 percent very short, 17 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 70 percent average and 30 percent light. Cattle death loss was 2 percent heavy, 78 percent average, and 20 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
4 th cutting harvested	59	52	44	56
Corn				
Mature	85	73	71	83
Harvested for grain	29	20	11	22
Dry edible beans				
Harvested	92	88	82	75
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	83	78	87	83
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	94	82	77	NA
Sorghum				
Mature	70	53	61	70
Harvested	19	13	4	16
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	26	14	20	34
Sunflowers				
Harvested	8	--	2	16
Winter wheat				
Planted	86	78	82	89
Emerged	66	56	51	61

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	3.8	5.8	6.0	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	6	12	--	6
Short.....	23	33	9	27
Adequate	70	54	87	64
Surplus.....	1	1	4	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	11	14	1	11
Short.....	28	28	13	29
Adequate	60	57	83	59
Surplus.....	1	1	3	1

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn				
Very poor	2	1	--	3
Poor.....	6	5	3	5
Fair.....	24	21	13	23
Good	62	69	60	54
Excellent	6	4	24	15
Pasture and range				
Very poor	29	31	--	5
Poor.....	25	31	5	14
Fair.....	20	19	23	29
Good	24	17	58	43
Excellent	2	2	14	9
Sorghum				
Very poor	4	4	3	7
Poor.....	6	6	4	13
Fair.....	25	26	11	29
Good	61	60	60	44
Excellent	4	4	22	7
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	3	1	2	1
Poor.....	6	5	2	2
Fair.....	24	18	12	16
Good	51	53	62	65
Excellent	16	23	22	16
Sunflowers				
Very poor	1	--	1	6
Poor.....	2	2	1	8
Fair.....	26	27	12	27
Good	66	67	62	48
Excellent	5	4	24	11
Winter wheat				
Very poor	2	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	8	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	32	NA	NA	NA
Good	51	NA	NA	NA
Excellent	7	NA	NA	NA
Livestock				
Very poor	1	2	--	--
Poor.....	2	2	2	2
Fair.....	18	16	11	15
Good	69	71	80	74
Excellent	10	9	7	9

NA – not available

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