



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 25, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Corn harvest was wrapping up in several localities last week as drier weather prevailed, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Sorghum and sunflower harvest also made good progress last week. In northeastern counties, producers reported corn yields were good with the exception of areas hailed earlier in the year. A county reporter noted condition of fall seeded winter wheat was concerning due to limited stooling in areas. Lack of precipitation remained an issue for persistently dry parts of the district. In the San Luis Valley, light snow cover last week didn't remain, but soil moisture supplies remained consistent. Hay supplies were noted as low. In southeastern counties, harvest progressed last week during drier weather. Extreme winds were observed that put sorghum on the ground in areas. Statewide, pasture and range condition was rated 29 percent good to excellent, compared with 59 percent rated good to excellent last year. Stored feed supplies were rated 5 percent very short, 25 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 62 percent average and 38 percent light. Cattle death loss was 53 percent average and 47 percent light.

Note: This report concludes the weekly crop progress report for 2018. Next year's Colorado weekly report will begin in March 2019.

Monthly reports will be released for December on Wednesday, January 2, 2019; for January on Monday, January 28, 2019; and for February on Monday, February 25, 2019.

Our thanks to the weekly reporters for providing crop progress observations during the 2018 season.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay 4 th cutting harvested	94	90	NA	NA
Corn Harvested for grain	97	87	93	96
Sorghum Harvested	83	65	95	95
Sunflowers Harvested	82	72	95	95

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.....	5.7	4.4	6.9	NA
Topsoil moisture (percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	3	2	NA
Short	18	11	19	NA
Adequate	78	82	78	NA
Surplus.....	2	4	1	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	5	6	3	NA
Short	25	20	22	NA
Adequate	68	72	74	NA
Surplus.....	2	2	1	NA

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)
Pasture and range				
Very poor	20	22	1	NA
Poor.....	25	26	15	NA
Fair.....	26	23	25	NA
Good	27	27	46	NA
Excellent	2	2	13	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor	1	2	2	NA
Poor.....	11	5	5	NA
Fair.....	34	30	27	NA
Good	49	53	52	NA
Excellent	5	10	14	NA
Livestock				
Very poor	1	2	--	NA
Poor.....	2	2	1	NA
Fair.....	14	13	11	NA
Good	78	75	81	NA
Excellent	5	8	7	NA

NA – not available

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