



# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Mostly hot and dry weather persisted over much of the state last week, allowing good harvest gains, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Cooler weather late in the week brought isolated precipitation to some areas. In northeastern counties, millet harvest continued and some producers were almost finished, according to a county reporter. Corn silage harvest also progressed and sugarbeet harvest picked up over last week. A reporter mentioned dry topsoil was a concern for producers seeding fall crops and rangeland condition deteriorated due to lack of received moisture. East central county reporters noted the area was dry and hot last week and moisture was needed. In the San Luis Valley, drier weather aided alfalfa and potato harvest. A reporter noted some nighttime temperatures last week were below freezing. Southeastern county reporters noted crops were progressing well last week and scattered moisture was received. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 3 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 2 percent heavy, 79 percent average, and 19 percent light. Cattle death loss was 69 percent average and 31 percent light.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested .....	82	70	89	84
4 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested .....	30	24	31	25
Corn				
Doughed.....	98	94	98	99
Dented.....	77	61	91	91
Mature.....	23	5	37	33
Harvested for grain .....	4	--	1	2
Harvested for silage .....	50	30	86	72
Dry edible beans				
Cut .....	45	21	86	58
Harvested .....	18	8	55	30
Onions				
Harvested .....	42	17	84	61
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Harvested .....	36	26	24	25
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested .....	58	40	64	67
Proso Millet				
Harvested .....	56	41	NA	NA
Sorghum				
Turning color .....	87	58	94	86
Mature.....	29	12	25	29
Sugarbeets				
Harvested .....	6	NA	6	8
Winter wheat				
Planted .....	43	21	44	44
Emerged.....	18	7	20	15

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.....	6.7	6.3	6.6	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	6	9	14	8
Short.....	30	35	34	33
Adequate .....	63	55	51	57
Surplus.....	1	1	1	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	10	15	10
Short.....	30	33	27	30
Adequate .....	64	56	57	59
Surplus.....	2	1	1	1

NA – not available

(--) – zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>				
Very poor .....	4	4	9	3
Poor.....	5	5	19	10
Fair.....	9	9	26	24
Good .....	71	70	38	51
Excellent .....	11	12	8	12
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor .....	--	1	2	1
Poor.....	3	8	10	6
Fair.....	19	25	18	24
Good .....	65	56	62	56
Excellent .....	13	10	8	13
<b>Dry edible beans</b>				
Very poor .....	1	--	16	4
Poor.....	7	8	16	6
Fair.....	32	50	11	29
Good .....	50	40	55	54
Excellent .....	10	2	2	7
<b>Onions</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Fair.....	8	8	NA	NA
Good .....	89	89	NA	NA
Excellent .....	3	3	NA	NA
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor .....	4	3	28	8
Poor.....	7	7	23	16
Fair.....	25	24	23	26
Good .....	57	59	24	42
Excellent .....	7	7	2	8
<b>Potatoes inside San Luis Valley</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	3	10	5	7
Fair.....	33	30	15	18
Good .....	44	40	50	54
Excellent .....	20	20	30	20
<b>Potatoes outside San Luis Valley</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	2	2	NA	NA
Fair.....	17	17	NA	NA
Good .....	67	67	NA	NA
Excellent .....	14	14	NA	NA
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Very poor .....	1	1	3	2
Poor.....	2	3	8	9
Fair.....	25	26	28	31
Good .....	62	61	57	53
Excellent .....	10	9	4	5
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	3	1
Poor.....	1	1	6	3
Fair.....	12	11	22	14
Good .....	75	80	49	64
Excellent .....	12	8	20	18
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	--	--	3	5
Fair.....	22	23	28	29
Good .....	67	67	64	56
Excellent .....	11	10	4	9
<b>Livestock</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	2	--
Poor.....	3	3	2	1
Fair.....	7	8	19	14
Good .....	77	76	68	75
Excellent .....	13	13	9	10

NA – not available

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