



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Hot and dry weather continued last week, allowing producers plenty of days in the field for planting and harvesting activities, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Corn for grain harvest picked up as limited harvest began in more counties. Northeastern county reporters noted winter wheat seeding was slightly delayed in areas due to high winds, but continued despite dry conditions. East central counties remained dry with no moisture received last week. Winter wheat seeding progressed quickly where conditions allowed. In southwestern counties, reporters noted adverse drought conditions worsened and no measureable precipitation was received last week. According to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor report, abnormally dry and moderate drought conditions expanded in several western and southern counties. San Luis Valley reporters noted alfalfa harvest progressed quickly and producers worked to cut their hay prior to damage from nighttime frost. Potato harvest progressed well and quality was noted as good. In southeastern counties, minimal moisture was received last week. Crops were drying down well and harvest of both sorghum for forage and silage progressed. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 2 percent heavy, 86 percent average, and 12 percent light. Cattle death loss was 76 percent average and 24 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
3 rd cutting harvested	91	82	93	91
4 th cutting harvested	42	30	43	35
Corn				
Dented	93	77	95	96
Mature	41	23	56	51
Harvested for grain	12	4	10	7
Harvested for silage	77	50	95	86
Dry edible beans				
Cut	61	45	91	76
Harvested	33	18	70	48
Onions				
Harvested	60	42	93	72
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	55	36	50	45
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	67	58	71	77
Proso Millet				
Harvested	73	56	NA	NA
Sorghum				
Turning color	94	87	96	93
Mature	39	29	41	40
Harvested	3	--	8	5
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	16	6	9	15
Sunflowers				
Harvested	1	NA	--	2
Winter wheat				
Planted	67	43	64	64
Emerged	39	18	36	31

NA – not available
(--)- zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.8	6.7	6.6	5.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	6	18	9
Short.....	38	30	41	32
Adequate	54	63	41	56
Surplus.....	1	1	--	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	5	4	19	11
Short.....	26	30	33	30
Adequate	67	64	47	58
Surplus.....	2	2	1	1

NA – not available
(--)- zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	3	4	10	3
Poor.....	4	5	19	9
Fair.....	10	9	30	25
Good	72	71	33	51
Excellent	11	11	8	12
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	2	1
Poor.....	3	3	11	7
Fair.....	18	19	19	23
Good	66	65	59	55
Excellent	13	13	9	14
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	--	1	NA	NA
Poor.....	5	7	NA	NA
Fair.....	47	32	NA	NA
Good	43	50	NA	NA
Excellent	5	10	NA	NA
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Fair.....	7	8	NA	NA
Good	90	89	NA	NA
Excellent	3	3	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	2	4	28	8
Poor.....	6	7	29	17
Fair.....	29	25	17	25
Good	58	57	23	41
Excellent	5	7	3	9
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	6	3	4	6
Fair.....	33	33	15	18
Good	43	44	56	56
Excellent	18	20	25	19
Sorghum				
Very poor	1	1	6	2
Poor.....	3	2	8	10
Fair.....	23	25	26	31
Good	61	62	55	52
Excellent	12	10	5	5
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	--	1	9	4
Fair.....	11	12	34	18
Good	83	75	45	60
Excellent	6	12	11	17
Sunflowers				
Very poor	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	--	--	4	6
Fair.....	25	22	29	28
Good	59	67	62	56
Excellent	16	11	4	9
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	2	--
Poor.....	2	3	4	1
Fair.....	6	7	25	18
Good	78	77	62	71
Excellent	14	13	7	10

NA – not available

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