



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 6, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm and windy weather continued last week, allowing fall harvest activities to move forward, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Northeastern county reporters noted more producers began harvesting corn for grain, but high moisture content slowed overall progress and most attempts were limited to non-irrigated acreage. Winter wheat seeding continued but concerns remained regarding dry conditions and lack of precipitation. In east central counties, harvest of corn for grain, sorghum, and sunflowers was underway. Dryland corn yields were reportedly favorable thus far. A reporter mentioned some winter wheat may need reseeded due to recent high winds. In the San Luis Valley, third cutting of alfalfa was virtually complete and fall potato harvest made good gains. The weather was very favorable for harvesting activities last week, but reporters noted soil moisture supplies decreased due to no received moisture. In southeastern counties, corn was reportedly drying down well, but sorghum for grain still needed more time. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 2 percent heavy, 77 percent average, and 21 percent light. Cattle death loss was 75 percent average and 25 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	95	91	96	95
4 th cutting harvested	48	42	51	43
Corn				
Dented	99	93	97	98
Mature	65	41	71	69
Harvested for grain	17	12	19	13
Harvested for silage	91	77	NA	NA
Dry edible beans				
Cut	74	61	96	88
Harvested	42	33	86	64
Onions				
Harvested	75	60	95	81
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	79	55	75	67
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	82	67	81	NA
Proso Millet				
Harvested	85	73	NA	NA
Sorghum				
Turning color	97	94	97	96
Mature	59	39	52	53
Harvested	17	3	12	10
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	31	16	13	22
Sunflowers				
Harvested	8	1	--	3
Winter wheat				
Planted	79	67	76	79
Emerged	50	39	54	47

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.....	6.5	6.8	5.8	5.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	10	7	12	7
Short.....	36	38	33	30
Adequate	53	54	54	60
Surplus.....	1	1	1	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	8	5	14	10
Short.....	30	26	28	29
Adequate	60	67	57	60
Surplus.....	2	2	1	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)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	2	3	9	3
Poor.....	4	4	16	9
Fair.....	10	10	29	25
Good	76	72	39	51
Excellent	8	11	7	12
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	6	3	5	5
Fair.....	22	18	21	24
Good	61	66	69	57
Excellent	11	13	4	13
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	11	5	NA	NA
Fair.....	42	47	NA	NA
Good	46	43	NA	NA
Excellent	1	5	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	2	2	31	9
Poor.....	10	6	31	18
Fair.....	28	29	19	26
Good	51	58	17	39
Excellent	9	5	2	8
Sorghum				
Very poor	1	1	4	2
Poor.....	2	3	6	9
Fair.....	26	23	26	31
Good	62	61	60	52
Excellent	9	12	4	6
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	--	--	5	3
Fair.....	15	11	18	16
Good	76	83	53	62
Excellent	9	6	23	18
Sunflowers				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	2	7
Fair.....	24	25	27	28
Good	66	59	67	55
Excellent	10	16	4	10
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	2	--
Poor.....	2	2	2	1
Fair.....	8	6	16	16
Good	75	78	71	72
Excellent	15	14	9	11

NA – not available

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