



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 27, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cold and windy weather was seen throughout the State last week as producers continued harvest of row crops, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Precipitation and snowfall was seen in the Eastern plains and higher elevation counties. In northeastern counties, dry weather was reported, however some fields remain too wet to be harvested. Non-irrigated winter wheat in this area was reported with thin stands and lacking full emergence. Producers throughout the northeast expressed a need for precipitation. East central counties received about 3 to 5 inches of snowfall. Producers in this area were nearly finished with harvest and reported calves going to sale. In the San Luis Valley, dry conditions were reported but both livestock and pasture conditions were reported in good shape. Calves were also going to market in this area of the State. In southeastern counties, precipitation was seen but mostly less than a half of an inch. Corn harvest was reported as progressing well, however sorghum harvest was reported as having a slower than normal start. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 3 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 2 percent heavy, 71 percent average, and 27 percent light. Cattle death loss was 82 percent average and 18 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	69	65	69	80
Corn				
Harvested for grain	56	40	48	44
Dry edible beans				
Harvested	88	78	NA	NA
Sorghum				
Harvested	72	49	34	41
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	80	65	64	57
Sunflowers				
Harvested	72	55	29	40
Winter wheat				
Emerged	79	72	84	86

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.....	6.2	6.5	5.4	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	18	16	7	7
Short.....	36	33	23	29
Adequate	45	51	66	62
Surplus.....	1	--	4	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	14	12	11	10
Short.....	36	29	31	30
Adequate	50	56	55	59
Surplus.....	--	3	3	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)
Corn				
Very poor	3	2	2	NA
Poor.....	8	7	6	NA
Fair.....	27	27	26	NA
Good	54	56	60	NA
Excellent	8	8	6	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	4	2	30	9
Poor.....	9	7	28	18
Fair.....	31	26	16	26
Good	51	60	23	40
Excellent	5	5	3	7
Winter wheat				
Very poor	4	1	1	1
Poor.....	12	10	4	7
Fair.....	25	22	31	37
Good	41	47	54	46
Excellent	18	20	10	9
Livestock				
Very poor	1	1	2	--
Poor.....	3	3	2	2
Fair.....	11	10	16	15
Good	73	74	71	72
Excellent	12	12	9	11

NA – not available

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