



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 17, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Fall harvest made gains over last week where conditions allowed, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Statewide, grain sorghum harvest was nearly complete. Limited precipitation received early in the week was mostly confined to northeastern counties. Harvest progress in northeastern and east central counties continued, but moisture content was still too high for some producers. A county reporter noted spotty winter wheat emergence and thin stands in areas were a concern for producers. Dry pasture conditions were also concerning for livestock producers where precipitation has not been adequate. In southwestern counties, conditions continued to deteriorate due to severe drought. According to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor report, all southwestern counties and some San Luis Valley counties were rated under severe drought. San Luis Valley reporters noted hay supplies were below normal, but despite dry conditions, livestock and ranges remained in mostly good condition. In southeastern counties, dry weather prevailed last week and moisture was needed. Harvest continued, but moisture content of corn still remained high in areas. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 2 percent heavy, 73 percent average, and 25 percent light. Cattle death loss was 72 percent average and 28 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	90	81	89	NA
Corn Harvested for grain	92	83	86	87
Sorghum Harvested	95	90	64	83
Sunflowers Harvested	92	84	70	83
Winter wheat Emerged	91	88	97	98

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.....	6.1	4.9	4.4	5.4
Topsoil moisture (percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	14	12	3	8
Short.....	30	30	11	27
Adequate	56	58	82	63
Surplus.....	--	--	4	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	11	6	10
Short.....	31	28	20	28
Adequate	58	60	72	61
Surplus.....	2	1	2	1

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Pasture and range				
Very poor	2	3	22	7
Poor.....	8	11	26	17
Fair.....	31	37	23	29
Good	53	44	27	40
Excellent	6	5	2	7
Winter wheat				
Very poor	2	1	2	1
Poor.....	6	7	5	7
Fair.....	28	21	30	35
Good	51	50	53	46
Excellent	13	21	10	11
Livestock				
Very poor	1	1	2	--
Poor.....	2	3	2	1
Fair.....	7	9	13	14
Good	77	73	75	75
Excellent	13	14	8	10

NA – not available

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