



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 10, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Harvest activities made good progress where conditions allowed and precipitation remained confined to western counties, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. In northwestern counties, alfalfa hay harvest was complete and moisture was received last week. Feed supplies remained short. In northeastern and east central counties, a dry week allowed good harvest progress. Limited irrigated corn harvest began. Seeding of winter wheat was nearly complete in areas, but uneven emergence remained a primary concern due to dry topsoil. Livestock producers continued weaning activities. Supplemental feed was being provided in areas due to poor pasture conditions. Southwestern counties received precipitation last week that caused delays to hay harvest. In the San Luis Valley, light snowfall was noted at the end of the week. Potato harvest made good progress prior to the weather and several producers were finished. In southeastern counties, corn harvest progressed well last week. Conditions remained dry. County reports noted some irrigated wheat is not expected to emerge due to limited irrigation water supplies. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 14 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 82 percent average and 18 percent light. Cattle death loss was 56 percent average and 44 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	97	92	NA	NA
4 th cutting harvested	55	40	57	53
Corn				
Mature	85	67	87	77
Harvested for grain	34	22	40	24
Dry edible beans				
Cut	93	86	92	NA
Harvested	55	42	55	69
Onions				
Harvested	99	93	86	NA
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	87	59	95	84
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	98	88	94	NA
Proso millet				
Harvested	95	88	81	NA
Sorghum				
Mature	84	73	81	67
Harvested	35	14	22	18
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	61	40	50	28
Sunflowers				
Harvested	19	--	35	14
Winter wheat				
Planted	88	77	93	84
Emerged	47	37	53	55

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.....	6.9	6.7	6.8	5.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	32	29	46	15
Short.....	38	41	41	28
Adequate	30	30	13	56
Surplus.....	--	--	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	34	33	41	15
Short.....	38	35	45	29
Adequate	28	32	14	54
Surplus.....	--	--	--	2

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)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	7	7	9	NA
Poor.....	10	10	13	NA
Fair.....	22	24	23	NA
Good	56	54	49	NA
Excellent	5	5	6	NA
Corn				
Very poor	10	13	15	4
Poor.....	15	17	25	9
Fair.....	20	20	32	24
Good	44	42	24	52
Excellent	11	8	4	11
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	--	--	2	NA
Poor.....	10	10	29	NA
Fair.....	40	40	37	NA
Good	33	33	31	NA
Excellent	17	17	1	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	17	15	33	13
Poor.....	21	23	29	15
Fair.....	27	26	30	27
Good	22	24	8	39
Excellent	13	12	--	6
Sorghum				
Very poor	8	8	6	3
Poor.....	12	11	18	7
Fair.....	21	19	58	30
Good	41	47	16	52
Excellent	18	15	2	8
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	3	2
Poor.....	--	--	9	4
Fair.....	25	25	37	20
Good	50	50	43	59
Excellent	25	25	8	15
Sunflowers				
Very poor	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	8	9	10	3
Fair.....	30	33	77	33
Good	55	50	12	54
Excellent	7	8	--	9
Livestock				
Very poor	2	2	1	1
Poor.....	7	8	5	2
Fair.....	20	24	29	15
Good	53	53	59	72
Excellent	18	13	6	10

NA – not available

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