



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Harvest and fieldwork activities continued during isolated precipitation events last week, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Conditions remained dry, and the latest U.S. Drought Monitor report indicated over 95 percent of the state was experiencing abnormally dry to exceptional drought conditions. In northeastern counties, received moisture was enough to slow fieldwork in areas. Corn harvest continued to progress and county reports noted producers were baling post-harvest residues, aiding local feed supplies but limiting availability of stalks for grazing this winter. Quality of winter wheat stands remained a concern given very dry conditions. In east central counties, little moisture was received and high winds were noted. Fire danger was elevated. Pasture conditions continued to deteriorate due to lack of moisture. In southwestern counties, precipitation kept producers out of the field and delayed corn harvest. Wet conditions continued to impact late hay harvest. In southeastern counties, no moisture was received last week. Harvest of most crops was wrapping up. County reports noted winter wheat needed more precipitation to help emergence. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 7 percent very short, 25 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 84 percent average and 16 percent light. Cattle death loss was 64 percent average and 36 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	88	85	89	80
Corn Harvested for grain.....	68	58	82	61
Dry edible beans Harvested	95	82	95	NA
Sorghum Harvested	78	61	76	62
Sugarbeets Harvested	94	88	94	75
Sunflowers Harvested	52	42	88	62
Winter wheat Planted	98	97	99	98
Emerged.....	74	68	87	87

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.....	6.4	6.8	4.8	5.5
Topsoil moisture (percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	28	35	44	17
Short.....	38	37	38	29
Adequate	34	28	18	52
Surplus.....	--	--	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	29	37	40	18
Short.....	31	28	37	31
Adequate	40	35	23	50
Surplus.....	--	--	--	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)
Pasture and range				
Very poor	16	21	42	17
Poor.....	20	28	25	20
Fair.....	28	20	26	26
Good	28	24	7	32
Excellent	8	7	--	5
Sunflowers				
Very poor	1	1	NA	NA
Poor.....	16	12	NA	NA
Fair.....	35	35	NA	NA
Good	45	47	NA	NA
Excellent	3	5	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor	10	6	10	4
Poor.....	17	15	18	10
Fair.....	32	33	47	33
Good	36	41	25	43
Excellent	5	5	--	10
Livestock				
Very poor	5	2	3	1
Poor.....	8	7	6	3
Fair.....	22	23	44	19
Good	49	52	41	68
Excellent	16	16	6	9

NA – not available

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