



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 7, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Another dry week allowed harvest to continue and several crops were almost complete by week's end, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. In northwestern counties, recent moisture helped alleviate exceptional drought conditions according to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor report. The district remained in mostly severe to extreme drought and feed supplies were rated short to adequate. In northeastern and east central counties, very isolated moisture was noted, but anything significant was limited to higher elevation areas. Corn harvest was nearly complete in some counties and sunflower harvest ramped up last week. Spotty emergence of winter wheat remained a primary concern due to dry conditions. Pasture and range conditions continued to deteriorate due to lack of moisture. Weaning activities were almost complete for area livestock producers. In southwestern counties, light moisture was received and corn harvest continued where conditions allowed. Southeastern counties received no measurable moisture last week. County reports noted some winter wheat in the area will not emerge without significant precipitation moving forward. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 10 percent very short, 27 percent short, 54 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 84 percent average and 16 percent light. Cattle death loss was 67 percent average and 33 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	94	88	95	NA
Corn				
Harvested for grain.....	85	68	92	76
Sorghum				
Harvested	90	78	88	77
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	98	94	NA	NA
Sunflowers				
Harvested	61	52	93	76
Winter wheat				
Emerged.....	84	74	91	91

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.....	6.8	6.4	6.8	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	33	28	47	17
Short.....	32	38	33	28
Adequate	35	34	20	54
Surplus.....	--	--	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	33	29	45	18
Short.....	32	31	37	31
Adequate	35	40	18	50
Surplus.....	--	--	--	1

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range				
Very poor	19	16	45	17
Poor.....	24	20	25	17
Fair.....	27	28	23	27
Good	19	28	7	34
Excellent	11	8	--	5
Winter wheat				
Very poor	12	10	10	3
Poor.....	20	17	18	10
Fair.....	33	32	48	32
Good	27	36	24	44
Excellent	8	5	--	11
Livestock				
Very poor	6	5	2	1
Poor.....	9	8	6	3
Fair.....	25	22	45	20
Good	44	49	43	67
Excellent	16	16	4	9

NA – not available

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