



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 14, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Another dry week allowed harvest and fieldwork to continue, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Statewide, soil moisture supplies declined and precipitation was mainly confined to the high country. In northeastern and east central counties, corn and sorghum harvest was nearly complete and sunflower harvest progressed quickly from last week. Only a light dusting of isolated moisture was reported. Spotty emergence of winter wheat remained a primary concern due to dry conditions. Stand quality varied throughout the districts. High winds were noted. Pasture and range conditions continued to deteriorate due to lack of moisture. Livestock producers continued moving stock to graze post-harvest residues where available. Other noted concerns were increased fuel and input prices going forward. Southwestern counties saw little moisture and daytime temperatures remained warm. Corn harvest neared completion in the area. In the San Luis Valley, conditions remained very dry. County reports noted livestock were in good condition. In southeastern counties, reports noted increased incidence of sick calves due to dry and dusty conditions. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 15 percent very short, 26 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 83 percent average and 17 percent light. Cattle death loss was 62 percent average and 38 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	96	94	NA	NA
Corn Harvested for grain.....	94	85	96	87
Sorghum Harvested	97	90	95	84
Sunflowers Harvested	82	61	98	84
Winter wheat Emerged.....	89	84	92	94

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	6.8	6.3	5.9
Topsoil moisture (percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	35	33	45	17
Short.....	40	32	37	27
Adequate	25	35	18	55
Surplus.....	--	--	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	38	33	40	15
Short.....	36	32	42	31
Adequate	26	35	18	53
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	27	19	38	14
Poor.....	19	24	29	17
Fair.....	18	27	25	28
Good	16	19	8	36
Excellent	20	11	--	5
Winter wheat				
Very poor	10	12	12	4
Poor.....	17	20	20	9
Fair.....	32	33	43	33
Good	33	27	24	44
Excellent	8	8	1	10
Livestock				
Very poor	6	6	3	1
Poor.....	10	9	6	3
Fair.....	22	25	38	16
Good	41	44	47	71
Excellent	21	16	6	9

NA – not available

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