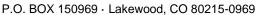
### **COLORADO CROP PROGRESS**



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 30, 2022

**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. According to the United States Drought Monitor for October 25, over 48 percent of the State was categorized in moderate drought or worse, up more than 5 percentage points from the previous week. Over 14 percent of the State is experiencing severe to exceptional drought conditions, up slightly from last week. The exceptional drought conditions noted across portions of Phillips and Sedgwick Counties remain unchanged from last week, accounting for less than one percent of the State. Hardly any measurable moisture was received across the eastern portion of the State last week. Western counties reported significant snowfall at higher elevations and the foothills received a few inches of snow in some areas. Below average temperatures were observed across the State last week, with average maximum temperatures staying below 70 degrees. Low temperatures for the week were between 3 degrees in the mountains and 30 degrees on the eastern plains. Sunflower harvest progressed quickly last week in eastern Colorado, but still trails the average harvest pace significantly. Potato harvest in the San Luis Valley is officially complete due to freezing temperatures. Livestock producers in the area were bringing stock home from mountain pastures to lower elevations. Reporters in northwestern counties noted multiple nights of below freezing temperatures officially marked the end of the growing season in the area. Fourth cutting of alfalfa advanced last week across the State, jumping ahead of the 5-year average of 78 percent. Statewide, emergence of the 2023 winter wheat crop was 75 percent complete, compared with last year at 73 percent and the 5-year average of 82 percent. Corn for grain harvest continued to progress, but still fell short of the previous year at 67 percent and the 5-year average of 59 percent. Livestock remained in mostly good condition. Stored feed supplies were rated 13 percent very short, 29 percent short, 52 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 89 percent average and 11 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 85 percent average, and 14 percent light.

#### **CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS**

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa Hay	. ,	,	, ,	
4 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested	80	70	88	78
Corn				
Harvested for grain	45	32	67	59
Sorghum				
Mature	95	86	98	97
Harvested	65	47	76	59
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	60	48	93	81
Sunflowers				
Harvested	40	27	51	56
Vinter wheat				
Emerged	75	65	73	82

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	5.6	6.4	6.4	5.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	27	32	28	19
Short	47	45	38	28
Adequate	25	22	34	52
Surplus	1	1		1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	29	36	29	20
Short	40	37	31	29
Adequate	30	26	40	50
Surplus	1	1		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)
Corn				
Very poor	15	18	NA	NA
Poor	24	22	NA	NA
Fair	38	35	NA	NA
Good	22	23	NA	NA
Excellent	1	2	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	15	13	16	19
Poor	22	23	20	20
Fair	27	27	28	25
Good	32	33	28	30
Excellent	4	4	8	6
Sorghum	•	·		
Very poor	2	5	NA	NA
Poor	12	12	NA NA	NA NA
Fair	42	38	NA NA	NA NA
Good	35	36	NA NA	NA NA
Excellent	9	9	NA NA	NA NA
Sugarbeets	J	3	14/1	14/1
Very poor			NA	NA
Poor			NA NA	NA NA
Fair	50	50	NA NA	NA NA
Good	50 50	50	NA NA	NA NA
Excellent			NA NA	NA NA
Sunflowers			INA	INA
	8	11	1	NA
Very poor	0 18	18	16	NA NA
Poor	_	44	_	NA NA
Fair	52		35	
Good	22	26	45	NA NA
Excellent		1	3	NA
Winter wheat	44	40	40	_
Very poor	11	16	10	5
Poor	20	19	17	11
Fair	41	40	32	33
Good	21	24	36	41
Excellent	1	1	5	10
Livestock				
Very poor	1		5	2
Poor	1	3	8	4
Fair	7	9	22	21
Good	72	63	49	63
Excellent	19	25	16	10

NA – not available (--) – zero