



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 24, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Harvest of remaining crops was wrapping up, as snow continued to melt amongst some above average temperatures, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for November 19, drought conditions were present across over 10 percent of the State, minimally changed from last week. Abnormally dry conditions were spread across 31 percent of the State, down from the previous week. Moderate and severe drought conditions changed minimally, with 6 percent of the State in moderate drought, while severe drought accounted for more than 3 percent of the State. Extreme drought conditions remained the same, with conditions remaining in Larimer and Weld Counties, encompassing less than 1 percent of the State. Moisture was minimal across the State last week, with several counties having remained dry. Isolated areas in the high country of Eagle, Routt, and Rio Blanco Counties received up to an inch of moisture last week. A storm to the southeast of the State brought minimal moisture to far southeastern counties. A reporter in Sedgwick County noted after several days with no moisture, producers are back in the fields to finish harvest. Reports from the San Luis Valley stated livestock have been moved out of mountain pastures and are in good condition.

Corn harvested for grain was able to progress as snow melt continued, with 95 percent reported complete, ahead of the previous year at 94 percent and behind the 5-year average of 97 percent.

Stored feed supplies were reported as 3 percent very short, 7 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 21 percent surplus. Cattle death loss was reported as 1 percent heavy, 28 percent average, and 71 percent light. Sheep death loss was reported as 75 percent average and 25 percent light.

Note: This release concludes the weekly crop progress report for 2024. Next year’s Colorado weekly report will begin in March 2025. Monthly reports will be released for December on January 6, 2025; for January on February 3, 2025; and for February on March 3, 2025.

Our thanks to the weekly reporters for providing crop progress observations during the 2024 season.

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Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn				
Harvested for grain.....	95	90	94	97

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.....	4.9	3.3	4.4	5.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	9	12	20	30
Short.....	17	20	41	40
Adequate	62	53	38	30
Surplus	12	15	1	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	12	11	15	29
Short.....	21	19	35	33
Adequate	59	61	50	37
Surplus	8	9	--	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.....	18	17	2	15
Poor	21	20	5	18
Fair.....	27	27	43	29
Good	33	34	40	33
Excellent.....	1	2	10	5
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	3	--	10
Poor	8	10	2	15
Fair.....	22	22	33	31
Good	60	58	59	39
Excellent.....	8	7	6	5
Livestock				
Very poor.....	3	3	--	3
Poor	6	8	1	6
Fair.....	28	26	11	19
Good	57	57	75	60
Excellent.....	6	6	13	12

NA – not available

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