



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 20, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: High winds and dry conditions were prevalent across the state last week as harvesting activities progressed, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Precipitation and snowfall were mostly confined to higher elevations in northwestern counties. In northeastern counties, more producers started harvesting corn for grain last week, but some corn was still above ideal moisture content for harvest, according to county reporters. High winds depleted soil moisture and caused topsoil to blow, elevating concerns for winter wheat stands. A reporter noted winter wheat emergence was spotty in areas due to a lack of moisture. East central counties received no moisture last week. Grain sorghum harvest was fully underway in areas. Extremely high winds over several days damaged recently seeded winter wheat, according to a county reporter. In the San Luis Valley, potato harvest was virtually complete by week's end. A reporter noted livestock were in good condition overall, but feed supplies were tight for some producers. In southeastern counties, pasture conditions deteriorated due to high winds and no received moisture. A reporter noted high winds also caused some lodging of crops. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 3 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 2 percent heavy, 62 percent average, and 36 percent light. Cattle death loss was 77 percent average and 23 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	65	57	63	68
Corn				
Mature	96	83	93	91
Harvested for grain	40	27	37	31
Dry edible beans				
Cut	99	85	NA	NA
Harvested	78	52	95	88
Onions				
Harvested	95	86	NA	NA
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	99	94	94	93
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	98	91	99	NA
Proso Millet				
Harvested	97	94	NA	NA
Sorghum				
Mature	95	82	91	86
Harvested	49	38	25	28
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	65	49	37	40
Sunflowers				
Harvested	55	41	18	25
Winter wheat				
Planted	97	91	93	95
Emergded	72	63	74	73

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.....	6.5	5.7	5.3	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	16	15	5	6
Short.....	33	33	18	26
Adequate	51	52	74	66
Surplus.....	--	--	3	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	12	12	16	11
Short.....	29	28	25	27
Adequate	56	57	58	61
Surplus.....	3	3	1	1

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn				
Very poor	2	1	3	1
Poor.....	7	8	9	5
Fair.....	27	27	20	21
Good	56	56	54	57
Excellent	8	8	14	16
Pasture and range				
Very poor	2	2	28	8
Poor.....	7	7	27	16
Fair.....	26	26	17	26
Good	60	58	24	42
Excellent	5	7	4	8
Sorghum				
Very poor	1	1	10	3
Poor.....	3	3	9	8
Fair.....	27	28	26	30
Good	62	61	45	51
Excellent	7	7	10	8
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	3	NA
Poor.....	1	--	6	NA
Fair.....	16	15	24	NA
Good	72	71	42	NA
Excellent	11	14	25	NA
Sunflowers				
Very poor	--	--	2	1
Poor.....	1	--	3	6
Fair.....	18	24	29	27
Good	76	70	58	54
Excellent	5	6	8	12
Winter wheat				
Very poor	1	1	2	2
Poor.....	10	7	5	9
Fair.....	22	24	25	35
Good	47	45	55	45
Excellent	20	23	13	9
Livestock				
Very poor	1	1	3	1
Poor.....	3	3	3	1
Fair.....	10	10	17	14
Good	74	73	68	73
Excellent	12	13	9	11

NA – not available

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