



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 4, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Last week, dry conditions prevailed while localized precipitation prompted fall planting activity in several localities. Harvesting activities progressed as conditions permitted with more significant progress reported in the harvest of some late season crops. Producers in the San Luis Valley experienced ideal conditions for harvesting as notable progress was achieved in the harvest of potatoes. In spite of the moisture received, no significant improvement to parched rangeland or heat stressed crops were observed. Stored feed supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 1 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 22 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was rated 5 percent heavy, 63 percent average, and 32 percent light. Cattle death loss was rated 1 percent heavy, 70 percent average, and 29 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
3 rd cutting	94	89	93	93
4 th cutting	38	31	33	45
Corn				
Mature	76	60	61	73
Harvested	11	7	10	17
Corn Silage				
Harvested	91	79	91	93
Dry Beans				
Cut	84	62	84	88
Harvested	45	33	51	65
Onions				
Harvested	78	60	60	76
Potatoes Inside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	54	35	59	64
Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	84	78	96	97
Sorghum				
Coloring	97	94	92	95
Mature	57	48	52	50
Harvested	12	6	9	7
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	37	25	34	22
Sunflowers				
Harvested	13	7	--	15
Winter wheat				
Planted	77	57	87	80
Emerged	35	23	52	42

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.3	6.8	5.1	5.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	8	8	9	22
Short	40	41	32	32
Adequate	52	51	55	44
Surplus	--	--	4	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	9	8	17	29
Short	34	35	31	33
Adequate	57	57	51	37
Surplus	--	--	1	1

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	8
Poor.....	5	5	11	11
Fair.....	26	26	25	29
Good.....	57	57	44	41
Excellent.....	12	12	17	11
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	13
Poor.....	3	3	6	10
Fair.....	25	24	25	26
Good.....	60	61	50	39
Excellent.....	12	12	17	12
Dry Beans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	6
Poor.....	1	1	6	9
Fair.....	35	35	46	41
Good.....	58	58	39	39
Excellent.....	6	6	9	5
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	1	1	6
Fair.....	12	12	19	26
Good.....	75	76	68	57
Excellent.....	12	11	12	10
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	1	1	6	21
Poor.....	16	17	21	21
Fair.....	26	26	27	29
Good.....	48	47	37	25
Excellent.....	9	9	9	4
Potatoes Inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	6	NA
Poor.....	4	4	12	NA
Fair.....	16	16	26	NA
Good.....	56	55	47	NA
Excellent.....	24	25	9	NA
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	18
Poor.....	10	10	17	18
Fair.....	28	28	53	36
Good.....	59	59	29	26
Excellent.....	3	3	1	2
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	--
Poor.....	1	1	3	5
Fair.....	8	8	19	23
Good.....	74	76	56	56
Excellent.....	17	15	21	16
Sunflowers				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	14
Poor.....	8	8	12	14
Fair.....	30	30	38	31
Good.....	49	49	41	35
Excellent.....	13	13	8	6

NA – not available

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