



# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 2, 2016

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Harvest of several spring crops progressed well this past week with drier than normal conditions and warm temperatures, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The continued lack of moisture in areas is a concern for winter wheat planting and emergence, as well as range conditions. Western counties received some moisture mid-week; few isolated showers were seen east of the Front Range. Reporters in northeastern counties noted that sugarbeet harvest has been sluggish due to limited production capacity of a local factory as well as warm conditions not favorable for piling harvested beets. Overall, soil moisture supplies declined again this week. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 29 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 8 percent heavy, 68 percent average, and 24 percent light. Cattle death loss was 81 percent average and 19 percent light.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity                        | Current week<br>(percent) | Previous week<br>(percent) | Previous year<br>(percent) | 5-year average<br>(percent) |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Alfalfa                          |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting .....    | 93                        | 89                         | 93                         | 93                          |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting .....    | 49                        | 39                         | 36                         | 40                          |
| Corn                             |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Mature .....                     | 58                        | 41                         | 71                         | 68                          |
| Harvested .....                  | 9                         | 5                          | 10                         | 13                          |
| Corn Silage                      |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Harvested .....                  | 91                        | 78                         | 88                         | 91                          |
| Dry beans                        |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Cut .....                        | 79                        | 58                         | 78                         | 83                          |
| Harvested .....                  | 56                        | 26                         | 42                         | 55                          |
| Onions                           |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Harvested .....                  | 77                        | 65                         | 73                         | 71                          |
| Potatoes Inside San Luis Valley  |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Harvested .....                  | 64                        | 35                         | 49                         | 55                          |
| Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Harvested .....                  | 96                        | 86                         | 82                         | 93                          |
| Sorghum                          |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Turning color .....              | 96                        | 92                         | 96                         | 93                          |
| Mature .....                     | 44                        | 34                         | 54                         | 44                          |
| Harvested .....                  | 6                         | 2                          | 10                         | 7                           |
| Sugarbeets                       |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Harvested .....                  | 8                         | 3                          | 34                         | 22                          |
| Spring wheat                     |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Harvested .....                  | 89                        | 80                         | 100                        | 94                          |
| Winter wheat                     |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Planted .....                    | 74                        | 55                         | 71                         | 73                          |
| Emerged .....                    | 40                        | 20                         | 32                         | 35                          |

NA – not available

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### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

| Commodity                         | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Days suitable for fieldwork ..... | 6.8          | 6.6           | 6.3           | NA             |
| Topsoil moisture                  | (percent)    | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)      |
| Very short .....                  | 9            | 8             | 8             | 15             |
| Short .....                       | 33           | 32            | 40            | 32             |
| Adequate .....                    | 57           | 58            | 52            | 51             |
| Surplus .....                     | 1            | 2             | --            | 2              |
| Subsoil moisture                  |              |               |               |                |
| Very short .....                  | 8            | 7             | 9             | 27             |
| Short .....                       | 30           | 29            | 34            | 32             |
| Adequate .....                    | 61           | 63            | 57            | 40             |
| Surplus .....                     | 1            | 1             | --            | 1              |

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**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

|  | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|--|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
|  | (percent)    | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)      |
| <b>Alfalfa</b>                         |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....                         | --           | --            | --            | NA             |
| Poor.....                              | 2            | 2             | 5             | NA             |
| Fair.....                              | 19           | 19            | 26            | NA             |
| Good.....                              | 63           | 62            | 57            | NA             |
| Excellent.....                         | 16           | 17            | 12            | NA             |
| <b>Corn</b>                            |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....                         | 1            | 1             | --            | 12             |
| Poor.....                              | 3            | 3             | 3             | 9              |
| Fair.....                              | 22           | 23            | 25            | 26             |
| Good.....                              | 58           | 57            | 60            | 41             |
| Excellent.....                         | 16           | 16            | 12            | 12             |
| <b>Dry beans</b>                       |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....                         | --           | --            | --            | NA             |
| Poor.....                              | 2            | 2             | 1             | NA             |
| Fair.....                              | 31           | 29            | 35            | NA             |
| Good.....                              | 59           | 61            | 58            | NA             |
| Excellent.....                         | 8            | 8             | 6             | NA             |
| <b>Livestock</b>                       |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....                         | --           | --            | --            | 1              |
| Poor.....                              | --           | --            | 1             | 6              |
| Fair.....                              | 9            | 9             | 12            | 25             |
| Good.....                              | 78           | 78            | 75            | 58             |
| Excellent.....                         | 13           | 13            | 12            | 10             |
| <b>Pasture and range</b>               |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....                         | 3            | 3             | 1             | 21             |
| Poor.....                              | 6            | 6             | 16            | 21             |
| Fair.....                              | 31           | 29            | 26            | 26             |
| Good.....                              | 52           | 54            | 48            | 27             |
| Excellent.....                         | 8            | 8             | 9             | 5              |
| <b>Potatoes inside San Luis Valley</b> |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....                         | --           | --            | --            | NA             |
| Poor.....                              | --           | --            | 4             | NA             |
| Fair.....                              | 16           | 15            | 16            | NA             |
| Good.....                              | 66           | 67            | 56            | NA             |
| Excellent.....                         | 18           | 18            | 24            | NA             |
| <b>Sorghum</b>                         |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....                         | --           | --            | --            | 19             |
| Poor.....                              | 5            | 5             | 10            | 18             |
| Fair.....                              | 30           | 30            | 28            | 37             |
| Good.....                              | 58           | 58            | 59            | 25             |
| Excellent.....                         | 7            | 7             | 3             | 1              |
| <b>Sugarbeets</b>                      |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....                         | --           | --            | --            | --             |
| Poor.....                              | 1            | 1             | 1             | 4              |
| Fair.....                              | 15           | 15            | 8             | 22             |
| Good.....                              | 70           | 69            | 74            | 58             |
| Excellent.....                         | 14           | 15            | 17            | 16             |
| <b>Sunflowers</b>                      |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....                         | --           | --            | --            | 14             |
| Poor.....                              | 3            | 3             | 8             | 15             |
| Fair.....                              | 26           | 26            | 30            | 29             |
| Good.....                              | 63           | 63            | 49            | 35             |
| Excellent.....                         | 8            | 8             | 13            | 7              |

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