



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 16, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Colorado finished the week very dry and unseasonably warm, which allowed harvest of spring crops to progress well, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Western counties saw moisture earlier in the week, with the Front Range and a few eastern counties reporting moisture midweek. Most other counties continue to be drought stressed and saw little, if any moisture this past week. Soil moisture supplies and rangeland conditions declined again this week. Winter wheat planting is virtually complete, but stand condition remains a concern in areas that are dry. Sugarbeet harvest, though underway, remains behind the average due to non-ideal conditions for piling thus far. Potato harvest in the San Luis Valley is moving along quickly to completion due to dry weather. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 29 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 7 percent heavy, 69 percent average, and 24 percent light. Cattle death loss was 82 percent average and 18 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
4 th cutting	72	59	52	67
Corn				
Mature	88	82	92	92
Harvested	31	20	22	32
Corn Silage				
Harvested	96	94	99	98
Dry beans				
Harvested	89	75	75	79
Onions				
Harvested	89	84	93	89
Potatoes Inside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	90	80	86	88
Sorghum				
Mature	81	68	84	76
Harvested	29	17	30	17
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	19	12	46	43
Sunflowers				
Harvested	12	1	38	32
Winter wheat				
Planted	96	87	92	94
Emerged	72	60	56	66

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	6.6	6.5	6.9	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	9	9	10	16
Short	35	33	40	34
Adequate	54	56	50	48
Surplus	2	2	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	8	8	10	26
Short	33	31	36	35
Adequate	58	60	54	39
Surplus	1	1	--	--

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	NA
Poor.....	3	3	3	NA
Fair.....	22	22	26	NA
Good.....	60	60	58	NA
Excellent.....	14	14	13	NA
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	1	4
Fair.....	9	10	13	23
Good.....	78	77	75	63
Excellent.....	13	13	11	9
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	3	3	2	21
Poor.....	8	7	17	21
Fair.....	35	34	29	25
Good.....	47	49	45	27
Excellent.....	7	7	7	6
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	21
Poor.....	5	5	3	20
Fair.....	30	30	28	33
Good.....	58	58	66	25
Excellent.....	7	7	3	1
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	1	3
Fair.....	13	15	8	19
Good.....	71	69	76	63
Excellent.....	15	15	15	15
Sunflowers				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	16
Poor.....	4	3	1	15
Fair.....	27	27	33	29
Good.....	61	62	53	34
Excellent.....	8	8	13	6
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	2	2	2	2
Poor.....	7	6	16	12
Fair.....	28	29	45	43
Good.....	55	53	35	38
Excellent.....	8	10	2	5

NA – not available

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