



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 13, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Unseasonably warm and dry conditions this past week pushed harvest of several crops to near completion, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Sugarbeet harvest remains behind the average due to warmer than normal temperatures. Virtually no precipitation was received across the state last week, with the exception of isolated high country snow showers. Areas that have not received moisture the past several months are critically stressed. Reporters in eastern counties note that as winter wheat continues to grow during the warm weather, soil moisture is rapidly depleting and stands are not receiving sufficient moisture to sustain this growth. Poor range conditions in these areas are a concern going into winter months. Overall, soil moisture continues to decline without adequate precipitation to recharge. Stored feed supplies were rated 3 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 27 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 8 percent heavy, 69 percent average, and 23 percent light. Cattle death loss was 84 percent average and 16 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Corn				
Harvested	94	87	79	86
Sorghum				
Harvested	94	91	85	75
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	82	68	92	96
Sunflowers				
Harvested	90	82	87	82
Winter wheat				
Emerged	96	94	99	97

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	6.9	6.8	5.0	5.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	22	18	5	16
Short	42	41	30	34
Adequate	35	40	62	48
Surplus	1	1	3	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	18	18	9	24
Short	42	39	30	35
Adequate	40	43	60	40
Surplus	--	--	1	1

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	1	1	4
Fair.....	11	10	12	24
Good.....	76	77	78	65
Excellent.....	11	12	9	7
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	5	5	2	19
Poor.....	12	11	17	21
Fair.....	37	36	28	26
Good.....	41	42	45	30
Excellent.....	5	6	8	4
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	2	3	1	2
Poor.....	12	10	9	11
Fair.....	38	36	42	42
Good.....	42	45	42	38
Excellent.....	6	6	6	7

NA – not available

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