



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 4, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Fall harvest and fieldwork made gains over the previous week where conditions allowed, but received moisture continued to hamper progress in areas. Some western counties received significant snowfall at week's end. In northeastern counties, corn harvest was in full swing but moisture content was still high for many producers. Calves continued to be weaned but livestock producers were waiting to move cows off grass until corn stalks were available. In east central counties, welcome moisture was received, but wet conditions continued to delay harvest of sorghum, sunflowers, and corn last week. In the San Luis Valley, fall fieldwork continued and a reporter noted rain and snow improved soil moisture supplies. Hay supplies were still noted to be very short and some producers were bringing in hay from outside the area. In southeastern counties, more rain delayed grain and hay harvest last week, according to a county reporter. Field conditions were noted as very wet. Harvested corn quality was noted as varying between very poor in some areas to better in others. Statewide, pasture and range condition was rated 23 percent good to excellent, compared with 58 percent rated good to excellent last year. Stored feed supplies were rated 15 percent very short, 25 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 67 percent average and 33 percent light. Cattle death loss was 4 percent heavy, 74 percent average, and 22 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	77	70	76	90
Corn Harvested for grain	65	50	47	66
Sorghum Harvested	48	35	57	62
Sugarbeets Harvested	84	68	77	78
Sunflowers Harvested	44	31	63	67
Winter wheat Emerged	91	85	88	94

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.....	5.8	5.4	6.3	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	8	7	1	8
Short.....	20	23	15	29
Adequate.....	67	66	83	62
Surplus.....	5	4	1	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	12	11	3	13
Short.....	31	31	16	31
Adequate.....	54	55	80	55
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)
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	32	30	2	7
Poor.....	30	28	17	17
Fair.....	15	16	23	29
Good.....	20	23	44	40
Excellent.....	3	3	14	7
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	15	9	3	NA
Poor.....	15	8	4	NA
Fair.....	24	27	10	NA
Good.....	31	48	61	NA
Excellent.....	15	8	22	NA
Sunflowers				
Very poor.....	3	2	1	NA
Poor.....	7	6	2	NA
Fair.....	26	19	12	NA
Good.....	59	65	60	NA
Excellent.....	5	8	25	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	1	2	1
Poor.....	7	4	4	7
Fair.....	32	31	29	36
Good.....	49	54	48	46
Excellent.....	11	10	17	10
Livestock				
Very poor.....	2	2	--	--
Poor.....	3	2	2	3
Fair.....	18	16	11	17
Good.....	69	71	80	71
Excellent.....	8	9	7	9

NA – not available

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