



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Dry conditions were ideal for fieldwork last week, allowing producers to achieve significant progress in harvest of small grains, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Fall seeding of winter wheat has begun, but was delayed in areas needing moisture. Condition of crops in need of heat units picked up this past week, although emerging dry spots are a concern. Reporters in northeastern counties noted that warm temperatures were not excessive, although no rain was received last week. Non-irrigated crops and pastureland in some areas are showing signs of stress due to lack of moisture. In east central counties, conditions varied as some localities have benefitted from recent moisture, while others received minimal rain the past several weeks. Reporters noted moisture would especially be beneficial as producers seed winter wheat. In the San Luis Valley, fall potato harvest is underway, and barley harvest is wrapping up. Reporters noted crops and rangeland are in good condition, although a few areas are getting dry. Statewide, corn was rated 58 percent good to excellent, compared with 75 percent last year and 54 percent on average. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent short, 89 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 2 percent heavy, 59 percent average, and 39 percent light. Cattle death loss was 75 percent average and 25 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
3 rd cutting	73	66	72	71
4 th cutting	9	3	11	11
Barley				
Harvested	85	75	85	90
Corn				
Dough	90	80	96	97
Dented.....	54	31	75	74
Mature.....	9	2	12	14
Corn Silage				
Harvested	32	12	26	37
Dry Beans				
Cut	33	7	15	31
Harvested	7	NA	4	10
Onions				
Harvested	34	17	36	32
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	9	4	11	18
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	29	19	57	61
Sorghum				
Turning color	65	46	76	65
Mature.....	5	--	7	12
Spring wheat				
Harvested	70	51	60	69
Winter wheat				
Planted	11	2	16	13

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	7.0	6.9	6.6	5.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	2	7	18
Short.....	27	20	24	28
Adequate	68	78	66	49
Surplus	--	--	3	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	5	1	7	26
Short.....	25	22	24	29
Adequate	69	77	67	44
Surplus	1	--	2	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.....	2	2	--	9
Poor.....	11	13	2	11
Fair.....	23	27	16	24
Good.....	58	55	64	45
Excellent.....	6	3	18	11
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	13
Poor.....	13	12	2	10
Fair.....	28	32	22	23
Good.....	48	48	60	44
Excellent.....	10	7	15	10
Dry Beans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	3	7	2	9
Fair.....	18	23	21	35
Good.....	73	68	66	45
Excellent.....	6	2	11	8
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	1	1	1	5
Fair.....	14	14	10	25
Good.....	79	79	77	60
Excellent.....	6	6	12	8
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	5	5	5	NA
Fair.....	19	22	5	NA
Good.....	67	67	72	NA
Excellent.....	9	6	18	NA
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	1	1	3	17
Poor.....	10	10	6	21
Fair.....	27	26	26	24
Good.....	50	52	57	33
Excellent.....	12	11	8	5
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	11	7	--	NA
Fair.....	16	12	15	NA
Good.....	55	56	64	NA
Excellent.....	18	25	21	NA
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	11	8	5	NA
Good.....	85	84	82	NA
Excellent.....	4	8	13	NA
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	1	3	--	15
Poor.....	2	7	5	13
Fair.....	10	17	27	32
Good.....	77	68	60	38
Excellent.....	10	5	8	2
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	--
Poor.....	3	3	3	5
Fair.....	10	10	12	18
Good.....	72	76	68	62
Excellent.....	14	10	17	15
Sunflowers				
Very poor.....	2	--	--	13
Poor.....	5	2	3	15
Fair.....	13	15	27	28
Good.....	74	81	63	38
Excellent.....	6	2	7	6

NA – not available

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